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ON THE COVER: Hettie Cohen Jones '55 still writes from her Cooper Square home in Greenwich Village, where she has lived since the early 1960s.

Photo by Adam Lerner

THIS SPREAD: Claire Brooks '12 shoots a short jump shot in the first half of Mary Washington's CAC Tournament semifinal win over Marymount University at the Anderson Center. The Eagles came from behind for a 64-62 victory.

Photo by Norm Shafer



Role Model

Thank you for your article about **Farrah Tek '10** and her work in Cambodia (*Pursuit of Justice*, Fall/Winter 2011), which was so beautifully written by Kristin Davis, photographed by Reza Marvashti, and designed so spectacularly by the staff at *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. When our daughter saw the magazine, she asked me to make a color copy of the cover. She already has the photocopy on her wall. Farrah is one of her greatest heroes.

Gregory H. Stanton
President, Genocide Watch

[Stanton, a former UMW James Farmer professor of human rights, was Tek's teacher and adviser.]



Ruby Lee Norris lived life to the fullest up to the end of her 96 years. On Valentine's Day, three days before she fell ill, she entertained President Richard V. Hurley and others.

perusing the *Pleasant Living* magazines on her coffee table – nearly every one with an article or photograph by Ruby Lee.

Using a state-of-the-art computer, she was a writer, blogger, emailer, and faithful UMW class agent. As daily inspiration, I keep a snapshot of Ruby Lee – eyes twinkling – on my desk.

At a packed funeral service, her pastor and friends tried to find words to capture this 96-year-old who defied description:

Remembering Ruby Lee Norris

No one exuded more exuberance for life than **Ruby Lee Norris '36**. That's why news of her stroke earlier this year and subsequent death hit me so hard.

I first met Ruby Lee eight years ago at her Topping, Va., home in Virginia's Northern Neck. As the new *Mary Washington* magazine editor, I was her invited guest.

In her mind, we were kindred spirits, laborers in the thankless but gratifying world of words. We sipped tea while

*A lady of great stature
Dignified, gracious, enlightened, forthright, and faithful
An elder stateswoman
A fashion icon
A technology guru
A kid at heart
Larger than life*

Ruby Lee's perpetual passion was her alma mater. When interviewed for this magazine four years ago, she said that *Mary Washington* had "changed her life." For that transformation, she gave back.

A career educator, she served two terms on both the UMW Alumni Association and Foundation boards; at 80, she was appointed to the Board of Visitors. In 1986, Ruby Lee received the Distinguished Alumnus Award; five years later, she received the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award for her years of devotion to *Mary Washington*. She established the Ruby Lee Norris Scholarship for students majoring in either of her areas – French or English.

Last summer over lunch, Ruby Lee told me that she was experimenting with a new poetic form. A few days later, she emailed the resulting poem, *Sonatina After Sunset*, an ode to the creatures she adored – birds, geese, and cicadas. In it, she repeated the refrain: *Singing themselves to sleep, daylight fades into midnight*.

As daylight faded on her life, the regal, robust, refined Ruby Lee likely sang herself to sleep.

– Anna B. Billingsley

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Dahlgren Campus a Partnership

Karen Pearlman



UMW dedicated its third campus in late February in Dahlgren, Va. President Richard V. Hurley cut the ceremonial ribbon as members of the UMW Board of Visitors looked on.

When the University of Mary Washington dedicated its Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research, the University's third campus, on Friday, Feb. 17, the theme was cooperation.

UMW built the state-of-the-art facility so it and other state colleges and universities can easily collaborate with the Navy, state government, and business leaders to bring advanced science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) training to the Naval Support Facility Dahlgren and to professionals in the area.

At the opening ceremony, William J. Howell, speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, said the center will bolster Virginia's STEM education initiatives, and it will build the area's workforce and economy. "The campus will contribute much to the future vitality of the region," Howell said.

Four Virginia universities – George Mason, Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth, and Virginia Tech – and the Naval Postgraduate School offer graduate engineering courses at the 27-acre Dahlgren campus. As of early January, approximately

140 students in 19 classrooms had participated in teleconference lectures broadcast on flat screens. The Naval War College offers its Fleet Seminar Program at the center, and Germanna and Rappahannock community colleges plan to offer courses there later this year.

The two-story, 42,000-square-foot facility off U.S. 301 in King George County, Va., was designed for education, but it also accommodates business and professional events with meeting spaces, an executive conference room, and a multipurpose room that seats more than 200 people.

The building is LEED Silver-certified, which means it meets stringent requirements for environment-friendly design, construction, and operations. The living roof is covered with plants and soil that catch storm-water runoff. Underneath, rooms are heated and cooled geothermally. Low-maintenance landscaping surrounds the building, and the parking area reserves prime spots for low-emission vehicles and carpoolers.

Among those speaking at the February dedication were

Rep. Rob Wittman; Capt. Gary Shoman, commander of the Joint Warfare Analysis Center; Rosalyn Hobson Hargrave, associate dean for graduate studies at the VCU School of Engineering and chair of Virginia's collaborative Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program initiative; and Dale Sisson Jr., vice chair of the King George County Board of Supervisors. Sisson recognized fellow King George board member **Joseph W. Grzeika '83**, who serves on the UMW Board of Visitors, for his efforts toward realizing the center.

Mark J. Safferstone, executive director of the Dahlgren campus; **Daniel K. Steen '84**, BOV rector; and President Richard V. Hurley spoke on behalf of the University.

"UMW can serve as a catalyst and convener to bring the players together and forge creative solutions to regional problems and challenges," Hurley said. "I believe that the Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research is an important and living symbol of this commitment."

Norm Shafer





Scholar Finds Refuge, Shares Experience



Iranian Scholar-in-Residence Leila Asadi (left), shown with Shirin Afsous '12, fled Iran and came to UMW through the Scholar Rescue Fund program.

that would negate the rights of married Iranian women. She also reported about gender-related issues to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Asadi came to Fredericksburg through the Scholar Rescue Fund program, part of the nonprofit Institute of International Education. UMW is committed to safeguarding human rights and helping scholars who face persecution; it provides Asadi room and board.

In addition to teaching a seminar on human rights and Islam, Asadi is assisting with student research and continuing her own studies of women's rights in Iran, including human trafficking and prostitution.

"Civil rights is not just an idea anymore," Craig Vasey, chair of the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, told *The Free Lance-Star*. "Here's somebody who's doing this, and it's inspirational."

An international law professor and women's rights activist seeking refuge in Fredericksburg is sharing her knowledge and experience with Mary Washington students. Leila Asadi, who fled Iran to escape the possibility of being jailed for speaking against the government, is serving this semester as UMW Iranian scholar-in-residence.

Asadi feared legal retaliation after she worked to quash a proposed law

1778 Furlough Signed, Sealed, Delivered – by the James Monroe

A Revolutionary War military furlough, signed by then-Maj. James Monroe at Valley Forge, is now owned by the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The small, yellowed paper signed Feb. 23, 1778, by the Founding Father who would be the fifth U.S. president is believed to be the earliest official document bearing Monroe's signature. The museum was able to purchase the historically significant paper thanks to private donations. Learn more at jamesmonroemuseum.org.



Debate Coach 'Exceptional'

In Adrienne Brovero's fast-talking world of forensics, most things are up for discussion. But there's one thing about the head UMW debate coach that is inarguable – her talent.

"Adrienne Brovero is one of the best debate coaches in the country," said UMW Director of Debate Timothy O'Donnell.

In November, the National Debate Tournament signaled its agreement with O'Donnell by honoring Brovero with the Ross K. Smith National Coach of the Year Award, reserved for exceptional teachers who have proven their ability to advance the forensic art. The annual award is presented during the Intercollegiate Debate Tournament at Wake Forest University, where Brovero spent much time honing her skills.

She twice made it to the National Debate Tournament semifinals while earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Wake. She also coached debate there and at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and the University of Richmond.

During most of her time at Mary Washington, Brovero has kept the debate team among the nation's top 16, securing a third-place finish at the National Debate Tournament in 2010.



Adrienne Brovero

The Buzz About UMW

The University of Mary Washington's the leader of the pack when it comes to community service, value, and academic quality – and some big voices are saying so.

- For the second year in a row, the **Peace Corps ranked Mary Washington No. 1 in the nation** among small universities for alumni now serving as Peace Corps volunteers. Currently, the University has 30 alumni serving around the world.
- **The Princeton Review listed UMW in its "Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition."** The University is among 75 public and 75 private colleges and universities with excellent academics selected for the honor.

- **UMW ranks fifth among Virginia's best values** and 44th out of 100 four-year public institutions nationwide when comparing tuition costs, according to **Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's "100 Best Values in Public Colleges"** for 2012. Mary Washington has appeared consistently on Kiplinger's best value list and has been ranked among its top 50 values since 2006.
- **Kiplinger's also rated UMW ninth in its 2012 list of the 10 best public colleges** with the highest graduation rates. With a four-year graduation rate of 68 percent, Mary Washington shatters the national average for public colleges, which stands at just less than 30 percent.



Clinton Global-Change U. Invites Professor to be Mentor

His Two Dollar Challenge, started at the University of Mary Washington to raise awareness of global poverty, has garnered national headlines and has been repeated on at least a dozen college campuses. In March, Associate Professor of Economics Shawn Humphrey continued his mission

of effecting world change as one of 30 "commitment mentors" chosen to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. "Again and again," Humphrey said, "my students and I have demonstrated our ability to deliver on projects and make a national impact."

Former President Bill Clinton started CGIU to showcase young people's power to effect change. It unites about 1,000 students from across the globe to discuss solutions to pressing issues – from global warming to human trafficking – with youth organizations, topic experts, and celebrities.

As a commitment mentor, Humphrey facilitated discussions with a group of 50 students about resource sharing, network building, and the

development of plans to effect positive changes on campuses, in communities, and around the world.

Humphrey founded La Ceiba MFI, a microfinance institution in Honduras, and he co-founded the Poverty Action Conference. A recipient of the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, he is on the board of Students Helping Honduras, and he is spearheading "2012 Month of Microfinance," a national initiative.

At the 2009 CGIU, Humphrey and his students presented their commitment to action around the Two Dollar Challenge, in which participants live on \$2 a day. Students also took part in this year's event, which featured a large service project and appearances by Chelsea Clinton and *The Daily Show* host Jon Stewart.



Shawn Humphrey



Angela Davis Tells Black History in First Person

Angela Davis is still passionate about racial equality, women's rights, and political issues. And – at 68 – she's still speaking out for her beliefs.

The University invited the activist, author, and University of California Santa Cruz professor emerita to be its James Farmer Visiting Lecturer and keynote speaker for the UMW Black History Month celebration.

Four decades ago, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover put Davis on the bureau's "Ten Most Wanted" list related to charges of murder, kidnapping, and criminal conspiracy. The daughter of Alabama schoolteachers, Davis served 18 months in prison before a jury acquitted her. She twice was a U.S. vice presidential candidate on the Communist Party ticket.

Today, Davis' scholarly work focuses on incarceration and criminalization of the most impoverished and discriminated against. She advocates against what she calls the prison-industrial complex.

Other Black History month events

included the steel drum music of Ewabo, exhibits, film discussions, and presentations.

Flanking Davis' Feb. 15 talk were Great Lives lectures highlighting baseball legend Jackie Robinson and Richard and Mildred Loving, a Caroline County, Va., couple who helped strike down state statutes against mixed-race marriage. In 1959, the white husband and black wife were convicted of violating a Virginia statute banning their legal marriage, performed in Washington, D.C. Speaking at the lecture were Bernard Cohen, the ACLU lawyer who successfully argued *Loving v. Virginia* before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Fredericksburg-area resident Peggy Fortune, daughter of the Lovings.

A step show, Gospelfest, UMW Faculty Jazz Ensemble performance, and an exhibit of UMW Libraries' resources on African-American history and culture rounded out Black History Month.

"Perhaps one day," Davis said, "we can say that we are celebrating black history 12 months out of every year."



Angela Davis



UMW students on a winter-break study abroad learn to harvest wheat with hand tools at a rice farm in southern Cambodia.

Cambodia Gives Students Something to Blog About

The stories of several UMW students in Cambodia during winter break unfolded through blogs and other social media. Participants took turns posting daily about their endeavors during the 3½-week study abroad.

The group visited a rice farm and a floating village; did fieldwork in the capital, Phnom Penh; attended meetings with the Peace Corps; spoke with survivors of the infamous Khmer Rouge Cambodian genocide; and earned credits toward a UMW degree in geography. Associate Professor of Geography Donald Rallis led the students, and Assistant Dean of Academic Services **Amber Huffman '10** accompanied them.

Offered for the first time at Mary Washington, the program is one of only a few of its kind in the country, Rallis said.

While in Cambodia on his 14th visit to the Southeast Asian country, the professor posted on Facebook, "It is immensely rewarding and more than a little humbling to see students so engaged, interested, and motivated."

Prize Crowns Seay's Queen

For her collection *To See the Queen*, **Allison Seay '02** has received a royal honor. The 2012 Lexi Rudnitsky First Book Prize in Poetry ensures publication of Seay's manuscript and comes with a stay in a 15th-century castle in the Italian countryside.

Seay, who is teaching advanced poetry and creative writing at UMW this semester, is serving as Arrington Poet-in-Residence while Pulitzer Prize-winning Professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry Claudia Emerson is on sabbatical.

A writer and editor, Seay has taught at Greensboro and Lynchburg colleges

and at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she earned a master of fine arts degree. She is the winner of last year's prestigious Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, and her work has been featured in *The Southern Review*, *Crazyhorse*, and *Poetry*.

The Lexi Rudnitsky award was named for a 32-year-old graduate student whose first poetic manuscript had been accepted for publication when she died of cardiac arrest. It is presented annually to a young woman poet who has yet to release her first full-length book.

The honor affords Seay a paid



Poet Allison Seay '02

residency at the Civitella Ranieri Center, housed in a castle in Perugia, Italy, and a \$1,000 advance toward Persea Books' publication of *To See the Queen*, due out April 2013.

UMW Holiday POPS: A Down-Home Christmas

UMW's 2011 Philharmonic Holiday POPS concert warmed the spirits of Fredericksburg music lovers, and if things go as planned, it will do the same for folks across the country. The footage is in the running to be part of a PBS television holiday special.

Emmy-winning producer Jim Brown corralled cameras, crewmembers, and bright TV lights inside Dodd Auditorium to film *A Down-Home Christmas*, featuring husband-wife folk duo Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. Also onstage was next-generation husband-wife folk duo Ruth Ungar Merenda and Michael Merenda.

In Ungar's practiced hand, the bow glided over violin strings, producing haunting melodies including *Ashokan Farewell*, the title theme from Ken Burns' Grammy-winning PBS documentary *The Civil War*.

Mason joined in on vocals, bass, and mandolin in a sampling of songs from the couple's recent release, *The Pleasures of Winter*, featuring traditional Appalachian, Quebecois, and Shetland Island numbers. The duo, their family, and the UMW orchestra under the baton of Kevin Bartram presented

songs like *Silent Night Two Step* and *Settin' by the Fire*, sing-alongs, and special arrangements of Jay Ungar's original compositions performed for the first time with an orchestra.

While in Fredericksburg to film the concert, the camera crew shot scenes of downtown at Christmastime and footage from area battlefields to commemorate this year's 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg.



The UMW 2011 Philharmonic Holiday POPS concert featured (from left, in green) Ruth Ungar Merenda, Jay Ungar, Maestro Kevin Bartram, Molly Mason, and Michael Merenda.



Virginia Commission for the Arts Recognizes Great Writing

As a child, Steve Watkins was shocked to learn from a librarian that books don't appear like magic. They are actually written – by people.

"As dumb as it may sound," he told *Front Porch Fredericksburg* magazine, "I thought books just were."

Now a UMW professor of English and an award-winning novelist, Watkins got another kind of literary surprise in December as one of four fiction writers to receive a \$5,000 fellowship from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The award recognizes and supports pursuit of artistic excellence.

Watkins won acclaim for *The Black O: Racism and Redemption in*

an American Corporate Empire, his 1997 nonfiction account of America's largest employment discrimination class-action lawsuit. Since then, he has produced a steady stream of celebrated fiction, including the short-story collection and Paterson Fiction Prize finalist *My Chaos Theory* in 2006 and the Golden Kite Award-winning *Down Sand Mountain* in 2009. He also wrote the young adult novels *What Comes After*, which was published last spring, and *Juvie*, which is due out next year.

Watkins works in child advocacy as an investigator for CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and is an Ashtanga yoga instructor. He



Steve Watkins

earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Florida State University, and he teaches journalism, creative writing, and Vietnam War literature at Mary Washington.



Matt Paxton, a regular on A&E TV's *Hoarders*, traced his success back to his Mary Washington days during a February presentation on campus.

Hoarders Star Comes Clean About Success

Garbage guru **Matt Paxton '97** shared his struggles and successes with a standing-room-only crowd in Monroe Hall on Feb. 1.

"I wouldn't be the best trash dude in the world if I hadn't screwed up," said Paxton, author of *The Secret Lives of Hoarders* and extreme cleaning expert on the A&E television show *Hoarders*.

The business administration major displayed a photo of himself and his Mary Washington roommates in Bushnell Hall, looking like typical '90s college students.

After graduation, however, his life took several unexpected turns.

Paxton, who owns the Richmond-based company Clutter Cleaner, spoke openly about his struggles with unemployment, failed business ventures, and the death of his father. All, he said, led him to his gig on an

Emmy-nominated reality show.

He shared hard-earned wisdom with today's students. "Suffering is awesome," he said.

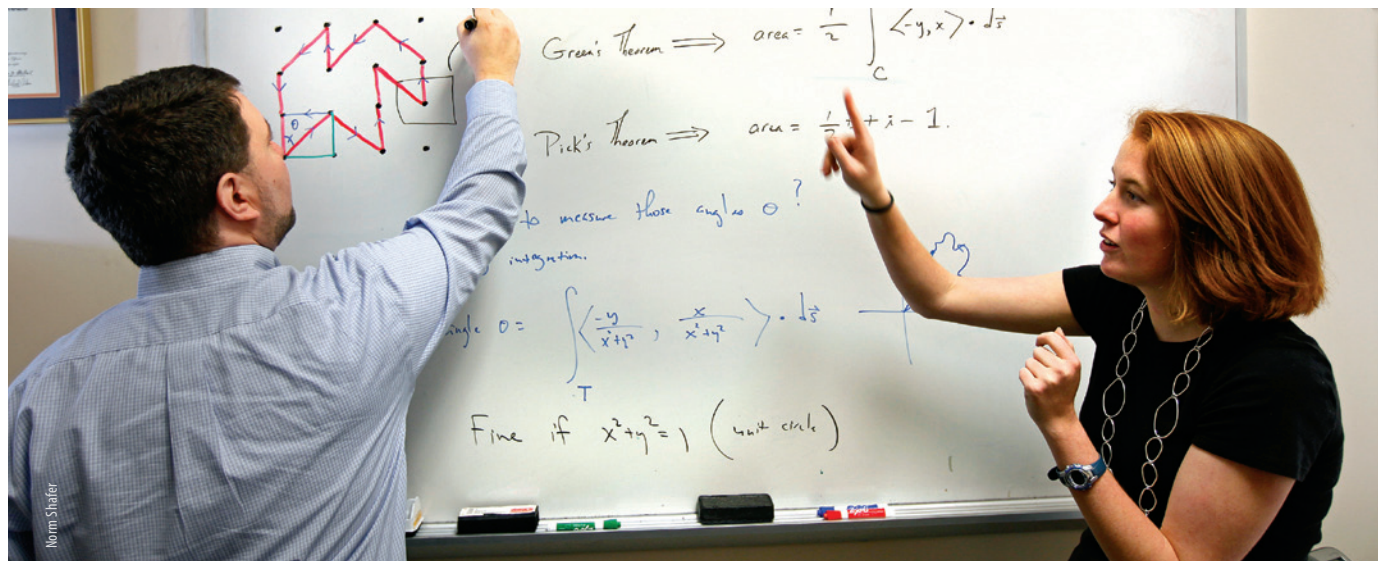
"Don't be afraid of rock bottom." And, "There is opportunity in everything."

He also stressed maintaining a connection with one's alma mater as a tool to success. "Everywhere I went," Paxton said, "I ran into someone from Mary Washington."

In March, Paxton delivered *Memoirs: How We Cope*, a discussion on helping others with personal biological and psychological issues, at Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville. Other speakers included Virginia Poet Laureate **Kelly Cherry '61** and UMW Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series Associate Director Charles J. Shields.

ANALYZE THIS: UMW Offers Undergrads an Array of Research Opportunities

Whether examining the concept of Egyptian monasticism or the correlation between stress and overeating, UMW students stand a chance of making some riveting revelations. That's thanks to the University's innovative undergraduate research program, which included more than a dozen initiatives this semester, and to its professors, who are committed to fostering opportunities for cutting-edge exploration. During the 2010-2011 academic year, 166 students in 15 academic departments from art and art history to geography and psychology received awards to pursue an abundance of projects.



Formula for success

Associate Professor of Mathematics Randall Helmstutler and **Claire Gianelle '14** string equations across a whiteboard in Trinkle Hall. The two, Helmstutler as adviser and Gianelle as student researcher, began work on their project, "Line Integral Arguments for Pick's Theorem," last fall. They aim to connect multivariable calculus to the famous geometrical formula put forth by Austrian mathematician Georg Alexander Pick. The study is part of a UMW undergraduate student research program, URES 197, which offers all UMW students guided research experience while they work in apprenticeship-type roles on faculty members' scholarly projects.



Presidential performance review

From left, **Ian Huff '12**, Assistant Professor of Political Science Chad Murphy, **Chris Blough '12**, and **Eric Stortz '12** gather in Monroe Hall to discuss President Barack Obama's January State of the Union address. The students, along with **Michael Behrens '12** (not pictured), are part of an independent study group helping Murphy with a research project called "Presidential Persuasion and the Bully Pulpit." The study, spawned by an award-winning thesis written by **Annie Morris '11**, examines the power of nationally televised U.S. presidential addresses to affect congressional behavior. Students write first drafts of various chapters, which Murphy hopes to revise and compile into a published academic book. Of the project, Stortz said, "I think it shows that Professor Murphy has a lot of faith in Mary Washington students."

Women's Basketball Caps Historic Season

By Clint Often

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball team entered the season with a sour taste in its mouth. It ended the 2010-11 campaign with a 20-6 record but lost in the Capital Athletic Conference semifinals and missed out on the NCAA Tournament for the first time in seven years.

Determined not to let that happen again, the veteran squad took each game of the 2011-12 season as if it were its last, and the results were historic.

Mary Washington completed the

regular season undefeated at 25-0, its second undefeated slate in the past six years. It topped its two biggest rivals, Marymount University and York College, en route to the Capital Athletic Conference tournament championship.

Gaining one of the top seeds in the NCAA Division III Tournament, the Eagles hosted the first and second rounds in early March at the new Anderson Center, which was filled to near capacity for each game.

UMW opened its NCAA run by

showing off its national-best defense, limiting visiting Keuka College to just six first-half points, toward a 39-32 victory. **Katie Wimmer '12** led the Eagles with 16 points. The Eagles bested all NCAA schools (Division I, II, and III) by limiting opponents to just 42.4 points per game. Led by **Jenna McRae '12**, who scored 20 points, and the emergence of guard **Amanda Witmer '15**, who netted 10 second-half points, the Eagles topped Messiah College 53-50 to advance to the sectional rounds for the fourth time in seven years.

Thanks to the new 52,000-square-foot Anderson Center and the team's perfect 29-0 record, the Eagles hosted the sectionals for the first time ever the following weekend. Despite most students being out of town for spring break, the Eagles played before more than 800 fans in the semifinal against Lebanon Valley College, which was a 46-41 victory for UMW. In that game, McRae scored a game-high 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds as the Eagles improved to 30-0. UMW saw its season come to a close with a loss to fellow undefeated George Fox University of Oregon in the sectional final, just one game shy of the final four, on March 10.

The Eagles' 30-1 record is the highest winning percentage in school history, and the team's advancement to the sectional finals is its second-best run in the NCAA Tournament. In addition to gaining all-conference and all-region accolades, McRae and Wimmer both closed their storied careers as two of only five players in the 42-year history of the program to surpass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists, and 100 steals.



Norm Shafer

Sam Partonen '14 plows down the court in January during a Capital Athletic Conference game. After a back-and-forth first half, the Eagles won, 53-40, over Marymount.

Applebury a Regional Coach of the Year

UMW head basketball coach Deena Applebury was named one of eight 2012 Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division III regional coaches of the year. She also was named a finalist for the National Coach of the Year Award.

Applebury's No. 7 Eagles advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III National Tournament, riding a program-best 30-0 record before ending the season with a 30-1 mark. The ninth-year head coach was named the Russell Athletic/WBCA Coach of the Year in 2007. She has twice before earned a nod for WBCA Regional Coach of the Year.

Russell Athletic, which manufactures and sells athletic wear, and the WBCA present the annual National Coach of the Year Award in each of the five WBCA membership divisions: NCAA Divisions I, II and III; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; and junior/community college and high school. This marks the award's 30th year; the WBCA has selected the recipients since 1985.



Women's basketball coach Deena Applebury, here with forward Aby Diop '14, is a finalist for National Coach of the Year.



Clint Offen

Katie Wimmer '12

and 200 steals. This season Wimmer, who earlier gained first team all-conference and all-region accolades, led the team in scoring with 394 points and added 135 rebounds, 89 assists, and 84 steals. For her career, she finished with classmate **Jenna McRae '12** for fifth in school history in scoring, with 1,383 points. Wimmer posted a career 562 rebounds, 313 assists, and 216 steals, including 84 this year.

Wimmer Named D3Hoops All-American

Women's basketball guard **Katie Wimmer '12** was named a fourth-team All-America selection by D3Hoops.com after leading the Eagles to a 30-1 record in the 2011-12 season.

Wimmer closed her career as one of only two players in school history with more than 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists,

Eagles Swim to NCAA Championships

The UMW men's and women's swim teams saw three competitors advance to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships in March. **Megan DeSmit '12, Amber Kerico '14, and Alex Anderson '15** represented the Eagles at the championships in Indianapolis.

Details were not available by press time, but DeSmit was to compete in the 100-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard breaststroke, and the 200 freestyle. Kerico was to swim in the 100 breaststroke, the 200 breaststroke, and the 100-yard butterfly. And Anderson was to swim in the 50 freestyle, the 400 individual medley, and the 200-yard breaststroke.

Find details about their performances at umweagles.com.



Clint Offen

Megan DeSmit '12



Clint Offen

Amber Kerico '14



Clint Offen

Alex Anderson '15



A portrait of Hettie Jones, an older woman with short brown hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a white turtleneck, and a dark brown cardigan. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

BEAT CHICK

The original Bohemian mama found her voice at Mary Washington

| By Kristin Davis

Hettie Jones '55 pens her poetry at the \$4 writing desk she bought in 1960 in New York City's East Village.

The desk shares a room with burgeoning bookshelves just off the entrance of her fourth-floor walk-up at 27 Cooper Square, the old tenement Jones has called home for 50 years.

The man who sold her the little carved oak table called it a secretary. And that's what it is, Jones says now, although she despised the word at the time.

It conjured up images of office help, and Jones had bigger plans.

She'd left her Queens, N.Y., home for Mary Washington College at age 17 because she longed for independence. Her parents had hoped the journey would land her a husband. Jones had no use for such conventional expectations.

She was going places. The desk would help get her there.

But like most things in life, it didn't happen the way she'd planned.

The steep and seemingly endless stairs that lead to the maze of rooms on the fourth floor of Cooper Square do not faze Jones. At 77, she walks or bikes almost everywhere.

On a gray, wet morning in January, her bike was wedged in the narrow place between the wall of the building and the first-floor staircase. There used to be more room for it there, Jones said, until a luxury hotel went up around her home. Hotel investors had wanted to demolish the tenement altogether. Jones and another long-time resident didn't want to leave, and the hotel couldn't kick them out. The architect modified his plans to envelop the building.

Jones unlocked her apartment, walked into the kitchen and set down *The New York Times*, bought from a corner store on the brisk walk home from breakfast at a café just a few blocks away.

The Times, she confided to a visitor, is her obsession, although at \$2 a day it has become a pricey habit.

She put down her wet umbrella and the book bag that doubles as a purse. She changed out of her sensible walking shoes.

The night before, Jones and her older daughter, Kellie – both writers – had been the featured speakers at the Studio Museum in Harlem. Afterward, they had signed books for audience members and gone out to dinner. Jones got in later than she is accustomed to these days.

Hettie Jones' home is like a museum, except there is no pretention in the artifacts and you are allowed to gaze on them up close. There is a farmer's sink and a rocking chair (once pulled from a fire) next to the kitchen table. There are baskets of books. There's a claw-foot tub in the bathroom.

A discarded tabletop on a giant wooden spool is the coffee table.



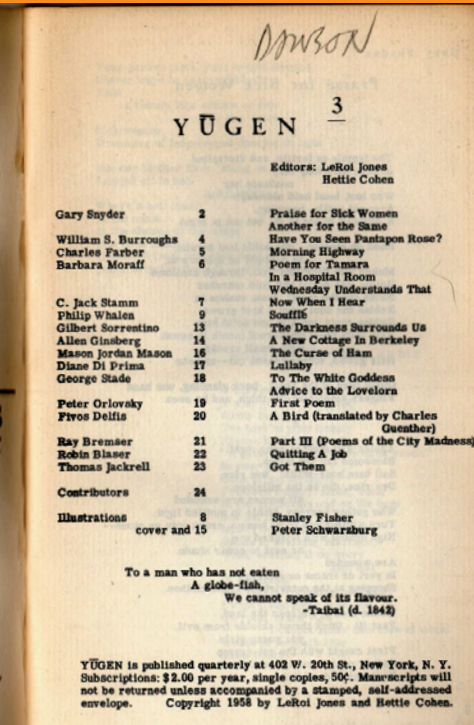
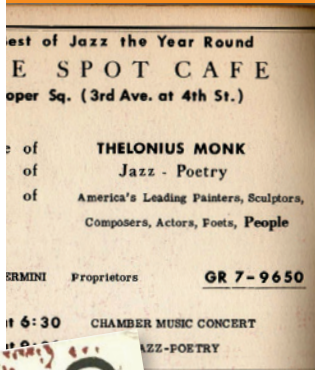
Hettie Cohen Jones and then-husband LeRoi Jones published *Yugen* from their home with the help of writer friends whose poems and stories filled the pages of the literary magazine.

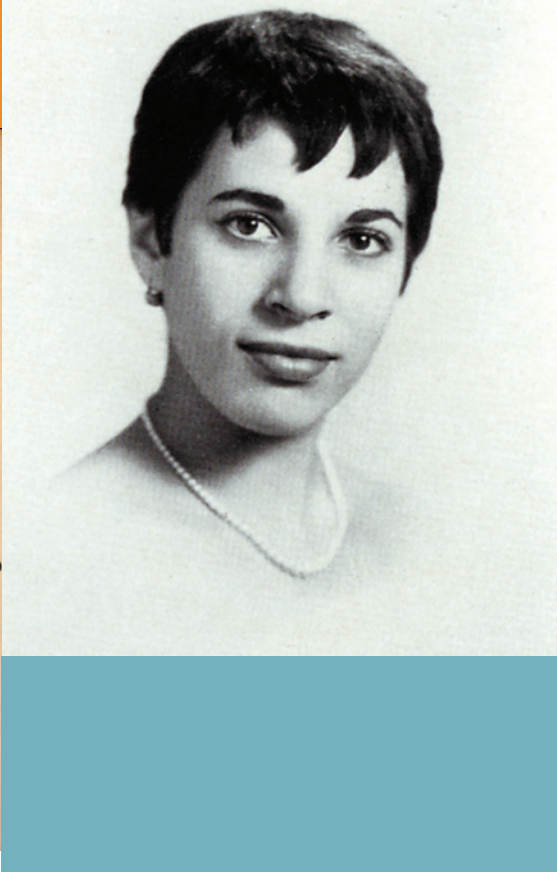
A large photo of two pretty, dark-skinned girls on the Cooper Square rooftop – the daughters of Hettie and her former husband LeRoi Jones – hangs in the kitchen above the washing machine, watching over it all.

A half-century earlier, Hettie and LeRoi Jones hosted big parties in these rooms. At 27 Cooper Square, and in their earlier New York City flats, they gathered Bohemian artist friends to make merry and assemble, page-by-page, the couple's hip literary magazine, *Yugen*. Then, you could find pre-fame Beats and New York School figures like Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Gregory Corso, Diane di Prima, Gary Snyder, and Joel Oppenheimer between the oddly configured walls and between *Yugen*'s pages.

Inside their anything-goes circle, Hettie and LeRoi drew admiration for their talent and sometimes respect for their mixed-race marriage. America viewed them differently.

It was in this Cooper Square home that Jones looked out on a gentrifying East Village and wrote her 1990 memoir, *How I Became Hettie Jones*. The book landed on the *New York Times*' list of 200 Notable Books of 1990 and still is





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– Hettie Jones



Allen Ginsberg Collection, likely taken by Peter Orlovsky

After graduating from Mary Washington, Hettie Cohen headed to Greenwich Village and helped define the Beat movement. She married LeRoi Jones (above, left), later named Amiri Baraka, and kept company with literary greats like Allen Ginsberg (above, right).

taught in university classrooms. At her desk, Jones wrote the poems that made up her first book of poetry, *Drive*, which came out in 1999 and won the Poetry Society of America’s Norma Farber First Book Award. By then, Jones was 62, had been divorced more than 30 years, and had raised the two daughters she and LeRoi Jones had together.

The wooden secretary is nearly indistinguishable among the books and papers and little trinkets in Hettie Jones’ study – a bowl of paper clips, a tiny metal bicycle, bits of wit and inspiration framed or taped to the walls. As Jones needed more space to work, she expanded the little oak desk with random furniture and pieces: a buffet table sits at one end, a wooden board on file-cabinet legs at the other. She has arranged all of this into a giant U-shaped writing space and set out photographs of herself.

There is Hettie at age 4, squinting into the sun; Hettie at 14, at summer camp in the Adirondacks; Hettie in the early 1950s at Mary Washington College; and Hettie, the young mother, reading to her little daughters.

At 77, she likes to look back on who she used to be. “These are versions of myself in my life that I never want to disappoint.”

Hettie Roberta Cohen was the second daughter of Oscar and Lottie Cohen, a middle-class couple who settled in the mostly Jewish Laurelton neighborhood of Queens. Lottie was a homemaker who cooked and cleaned and laundered for the family when many of the neighbors hired out those chores. Oscar manufactured cardboard advertising displays.

By the time she was 14, Jones wanted to get away; by 17 she’d decided to attend an all-women’s college. She whittled her choices to New York’s Vassar College and Mary Washington, and she was accepted at both. Jones chose Mary Washington for the picturesque campus photographs, because it was farther from home, and because it cost less. And, she added, “I was afraid Vassar would make me a snob.”

The girl from Queens arrived in Virginia in 1951, three years before the Supreme Court outlawed school segregation in the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education*. Until then, she had never been farther south than New Jersey.

“I felt very much the Yankee Jew from New York,” Jones wrote in her memoir.

The only African-Americans she saw regularly were the women who cleaned the Mary Washington dormitories. To pick up extra money, one black woman ironed students' skirts and blouses. As she had done with her mother, Jones ironed her own clothes in the laundry alongside the woman, who always met her with a smile and who taught her how to navigate the tucks in her blouses.

In Fredericksburg, Jones was shocked to see an auction block, once used to display human chattel, preserved at the corner of Charles and William streets. "As a northerner, I didn't know what to think," she said. "I was appalled."

We've always taken care of our people, she remembered a Southern classmate saying of the black women who worked in her family home. *We send our people to the dentist*.

"I thought, 'No, you pay them enough to go to the dentist,'" Jones said. "'You don't put them in that position. They are not subservient.'"

Jones majored in drama and speech at Mary Washington. She made friends and got involved in student groups. Despite feeling like an outsider, she was popular. Her freshman year, the student newspaper featured Jones, calling her a "well-known personality on campus." *The Bullet* continued, "She is as explosive and as active as an A bomb, otherwise how would she find time to engage in so many extra-curricular activities and to do them successfully?"

The paper reported that she did "extensive work in drama" and had interests in music and art "from Picasso to 'Pogo,' and all types of books." She was vice president of her sophomore class and historian of her senior class. She was a member of the dramatic fraternity, the honorary

speech fraternity, and the Players drama group.

The Bullet reported in another piece that Jones led her Westmoreland Hall dorm-mates to victory in a campus singing competition and that she wrote, directed, and performed in "class benefits" musical shows.

"One night, awed by the reach of my own arm, I led a thousand young women in song," Jones wrote in her memoir.

In 1954, a new drama professor, Albert R. Klein, started an experimental children's theater at Mary Washington, and Jones directed the first play and others. The college provided her a bus, and she took the show on the road to country schoolhouses and veterans hospitals. She brought live theater to folks who'd never before experienced it.

BELOW: Jones (center), literary editor of *The Battlefield* yearbook, with fellow editors Alice Orem '55 and Joan Darden '55.

RIGHT: Jones and other members of Hillel in 1955. (Photos from *The Battlefield*, 1955)

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– *The Bullet*, December 1951



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At Mary Washington, Jones found her voice.

“At a woman’s college, you get to grow your sense of self,” she said. “Speaking your mind was something you were required to do. I felt so comfortable that I did not have to compete with the pretty girls for the attention of the boys.”

Jones was *Battlefield* yearbook literary, layout, and copy editor. She shared a dorm room and one desk with two roommates, so she staked out a place of her own in the *Battlefield*’s basement office. She retreated there in the evenings, longing to write plays but settling for poetry. Four of her poems were published her senior year in the *Epaulet*, the college literary magazine. Jones was *Epaulet* humor editor, and the magazine had published her byline earlier on short stories such as *A Cool Tale for Crazy Cats*.

The Bullet newspaper reported that Jones, with her high grade-point average and special classes, “was among the few girls who are doing Honors work at Mary Washington.” On the title page of her 135-page honors thesis – double-spaced, footnoted, and neatly typed on onionskin paper – Jones thanked drama professors Klein and Mark R. Sumner for their advice and assistance. The paper, written about poetry in theater, is still in the stacks at Simpson Library.

After graduating, a confident Jones returned to New

York to start her life. She announced to her family her plans to move to Manhattan and get a job.

The Cohens were proud of their younger daughter but couldn’t understand why she didn’t want to “settle down.”

Jones found work at a film library and began graduate classes at Columbia University. After a year, her job lost funding, and she’d had enough of Columbia. At 22, she took a job as subscription manager for the *Record Changer*, a cool jazz magazine in Greenwich Village.

There Jones met and fell in love with LeRoi Jones.

He stopped by the *Record Changer* office one afternoon looking for work. She was supposed to talk to him about the shipping manager job but never got around to it. He commented on the book Jones was reading – Kafka’s *Amerika* – and they didn’t stop talking about it until the owner of the place showed up an hour later.

LeRoi Jones was an aspiring writer, smart and quick and comfortable with himself. He was hired.

LeRoi and Hettie married in 1958, when marriage between blacks and whites was a crime in most states. That same year in Caroline County, Va., just 20 miles from Hettie Cohen Jones’ alma mater, a white husband and his black wife were roused from their bed, arrested, and jailed for having been legally wed in Washington, D.C. Their case went to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In New York, the Joneses were subjected to disapproving stares and comments. Oscar Cohen insisted his daughter divorce. Lottie Cohen visited on occasion from Queens but told her daughter she would suffer and pay every minute of her future for the taboo life she had chosen. In Newark, N.J., Anna and Coyt Jones welcomed Hettie Jones as a daughter.

Hettie and LeRoi led the lifestyle of the time and the place – and they helped invent it. They were surrounded



by jazz and art and passionate friends who filled their apartment by the dozens. There were writers and artists and musicians who'd stop in for a night and stay for a week or two.

"Downtown was everyone's new place," Jones wrote in her memoir.

New art showed up in storefront galleries. New writers read groundbreaking poetry in cafés, and actors performed new plays in "new nook-and-cranny theaters," she wrote. "The jazz clubs were there among all of this."

The Joneses had two daughters. Kellie came first. "It was very clear she was viewed as a black person," Hettie Jones said. "We got stared at a lot."

When Lisa came two years later, "we really got stared at. People realized this is not an accident. This is a family."

LeRoi's career took off and Hettie, who'd always taken pride in her independence, tended their home and their children. She took uninspiring jobs to pay the bills.

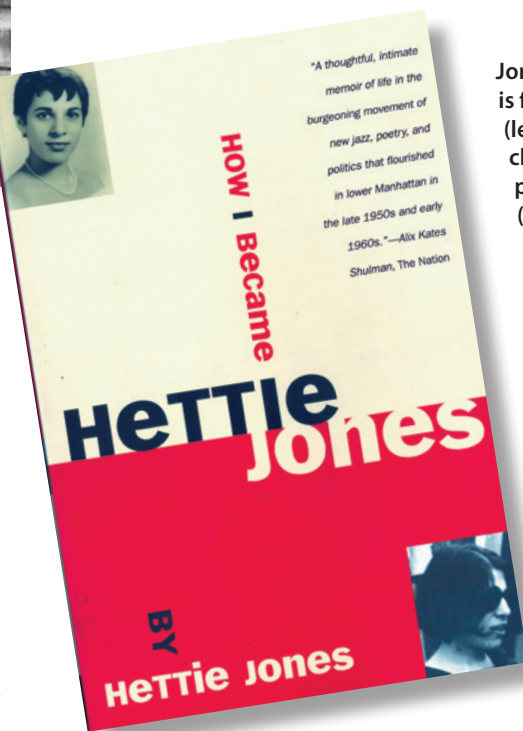
Influenced in part by the Cuban revolution, by Malcolm X, and by his own family's suffering in white America, LeRoi Jones moved away from the Bohemian life with Hettie and toward Black Nationalism. He began to see himself less as an artist and more as an activist, and he changed his name to Amiri Baraka.

Yugen ended in 1962. LeRoi and Hettie's marriage ended three years later, soon after the murder of Malcolm X.

"By the fall of 1964, black Americans were being asked to make choices. Nearly a decade of nonviolent protest had failed," Hettie Jones wrote. "In the seven years I'd been with

"In the seven years I'd been with Roi, I'd watched the loosening of what would one day be called 'black rage.'"

— Hettie Jones



Jones' UMW senior portrait is featured on her memoir (left). She was the 1955 class historian and was pictured in *The Battlefield* (far left, in white sneakers) with fellow class officers and faculty sponsors.

Roi, I'd watched the loosening of what would one day be called 'black rage.' ... Now some people were beginning to say that hypocritical Roi talked black but married white."

In a letter to her dear friend Helene Dorn, wife of poet Ed Dorn, Hettie Jones wrote of the separation, "It would have been easier to die except for the kids."

Both Hettie and Helene had in many ways lived in the shadows of their husbands. Both went through divorces in the mid-1960s. And both found their creative voices again. Dorn became a sculptor. Jones went back to her desk.

Six years later, Hettie Jones published her first book, *The Trees Stand Shining, Poetry of the North American Indians*.

Big Star Fallin' Mama: Five Women in Black Music came three years later, and so did its distinction among New York Public Library's Best Books for Young Adults. Jones later

co-authored Rita Marley's memoir, *No Woman No Cry: My Life With Bob Marley*.

Jones taught at Hunter College of the City University of New York and the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Today she is on the creative writing faculty at the New School, and she holds private memoir-writing classes at 27 Cooper Square. Jones practices yoga. And she takes time for family, especially 7-year-old granddaughter Zoe. "The delight of my life," Jones said.

Most days she still finds time to sit at the desk, open her laptop, and write. She is working on a follow-up to her memoir, which ended as the newly single mother recovered from the break-up of her marriage and refocused on herself. The new book will tell another chapter through a generation of letters between Jones and Helene Dorn, written in spare moments they carved out late at night.

On a January evening in Harlem, the long, narrow auditorium of the Studio Museum had nearly filled for its Books and Authors Event featuring Kellie Jones in conversation with Hettie Jones.

This was the product of what happened after Jones' memoir left off. She was a passionate mother who raised

her daughters on money she scraped together with editing, writing, and teaching jobs. "There were periods of time when I had no money at all," she said. The children blossomed under the wings of dynamic artist neighbors and their mother's advice, "Go to school or end up in the massage parlor."

Both daughters went to Yale University. Lisa Jones wrote for the *Village Voice*, penned plays, and co-wrote three books with director Spike Lee. Kellie Jones earned a Ph.D., organized art shows from South America to South Africa, and wrote *Eye-Minded, Living and Writing Contemporary Art*.

Hettie Jones, Amiri Baraka, and Lisa Jones each contributed to *Eye-Minded*. The mother and the sister were at the Harlem event celebrating the book. The father, whom Hettie Jones has not seen in years, was not.

"I don't bother to talk about him," Hettie Jones said, "and he doesn't bother to talk about me."

She and her elder daughter sat on the stage next to a pair of microphones and listened to the introductions.

When it was Kellie's turn to speak, she looked at her mother. "The first editor of my book," she said. "I really want to thank my mom for doing this. She's a great writer, a great editor, always encouraging, just always a great role model."

Jones fixed her eyes on Kellie. Her head tilted back, hand cupping her chin. Hettie Jones smiled. 🏠

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— Kellie Jones

Hettie Jones celebrates her book of poetry *Doing 70* with daughter Kellie Jones.



Guthrie Ramsey

7 Top Profs



Norm Shafer

The Princeton Review included seven Mary Washington faculty members in its recent book, *The Best 300 Professors*. In an effort to find challenging and inspiring educators, the ratings guide and its partners, RateMyProfessors.com and MTV, surveyed students and college administrators about more than 42,000 professors representing a wide array of academic subjects, teaching methods, and types of institutions. Here are *The Princeton Review's* choices at UMW.



1. Jeffrey W. McClurken • HISTORY and AMERICAN STUDIES

To teach students about the past, McClurken often looks to the future. He weaves Web-based discussions, digital history projects, Twitter, WordPress, and other tools of technology into topics such as women's suffrage and the Civil War. McClurken doesn't necessarily want students to believe every word he says about America's past. Instead, he pushes them outside their comfort zones, urges them to be skeptical of sources, and helps them become "critical consumers of knowledge."

2. Steve Watkins • ENGLISH For 28 years, Watkins has made his living bringing learning to life. His students don't just read the material, they breathe it. In his Literature of the Vietnam War class, he divides classes into squads that act as units. Students write about real campus "field exercises" in the style of a writer they've studied. The award-winning author brings a wow factor to words, taking students to see musicals like *Hair*, leading them in pro- and anti-war songs and reaching beyond the traditional syllabus.

3. Beverly McCullough Almond • ENGLISH

Almond lets students take the lead. Instead of telling them the significance of a composition, Almond prefers they discover it for themselves. Rather than assign essays on specific topics, she lets them find and choose their own subjects. Throughout 35 years, this accessible educator has taught everything from the Bible to Appalachian folklore, but the most important lesson she imparts to her students is the value of independent thinking.

4. Gregg Stull • THEATRE Stull's candor and high expectations often shock students, but his passion inspires. This teacher with ties to the professional stage recognizes that it takes courage to be a student and believes theater has the power to change lives. His classes – less lecture, more conversation – have left 26 years' worth of Mary Washington students with the fundamentals of acting as well as a curiosity about the world and a readiness to wrestle the issues that are "part of being alive."

5. Miriam Liss • PSYCHOLOGY

"Pumped and passionate" is how students describe Liss. A widely published author and licensed clinical psychologist, she gets excited about getting students involved – inside the classroom and out – by asking them to interview local clinicians or analyze famous people. Liss leads a broad spectrum of psychology courses, from general to clinical. Whether she's teaching personality disorders or Pavlov, her lessons are a swirl of role-playing and group dynamics.

6. Dan Hubbard • BUSINESS

With Hubbard, everything's up for discussion. He is known in his accounting classes for asking questions with myriad answers. This unconventional professor rarely uses a textbook, and who else would call auditing the most "sensual" of business courses? Hubbard welcomes students' questions and curiosity and likes to surprise them by sneaking fun into subjects that sometimes seem dull. "I can play intellectual judo," he said, "and flip them around."

7. Warren Rochelle • ENGLISH

What assignment could give students a better sense of self than writing about their own names? That's how Rochelle starts each semester. Prone to working in small, intimate groups, he is admired in his creative writing and upper-level literature courses for his sense of humor, desire to be fair, and efforts to make everyone feel included. "This is a safe place," Rochelle, an adviser to first-year students, tells his classes. "Everything you say is valid."



Ana Garcia Chichester

By Lisa Chinn '92

Ana Garcia Chichester '76 was 16 when her family moved from Cuba to the United States. She didn't know a word of English. ESL classes helped, but when she enrolled with her sister, **Isabel Garcia '76**, at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg, she was far from fluent.

"It was either sink or swim," Chichester said. "It was tough, but people helped us."

Now the Spanish professor, who has been on the UMW faculty for two decades, is so comfortable with both languages she sometimes starts a sentence with one and finishes with the other. Her linguistic abilities reach beyond the foreign language department, translating into benefits for the community, where she volunteers extensively. As director of UMW's Bachelor of Liberal Studies program, Chichester helps adult learners reach their academic goals. But perhaps her greatest gift to others is one she also gave herself – the ability to speak a second language.

"I think I had an early calling to teach," Chichester said. "I'm high when I come out of the classroom. I just love it."

Chichester majored in Spanish and French at Mary Washington, where Carmen Rivera, UMW professor emerita of modern foreign languages, sparked her passion for prose. Chichester earned a master's degree in Latin American literature from the University of North Carolina and a doctorate in Spanish from the University of Virginia, where she worked briefly as an instructor. She also held an adjunct position at Mary Washington before landing a tenure-track appointment in 1992.

Colorful Cuban artwork, a map of the Caribbean island nation, and Mexican throws make Chichester's office feel like home. There, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said she was ecstatic to visit her native Cuba as a guide with the UMW President's Travel Club.

She'd like to return again someday with her adult sons, Philip, John, and Daniel – the loves of her life and the secret to the depth of her devotion to community. As her boys began to leave home, one by one, Chichester said, she staved off loneliness by flinging herself into public service.

"It's also a good way for me to have a pulse in the community and know what the needs are," Chichester said. Her volunteer efforts include the Rappahannock Area United Way and the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.



Norm Shafer

During downtime, she enjoys her Stafford County home on a sprawling cattle farm that bustles with wildlife. Its peace has grounded the dizzying pace of the past 20 years, through which she's watched Mary Washington's foreign language department blossom. But at least one thing hasn't changed, Chichester said.

"If I'm here, my door is always open."

What do you love most about UMW? *The students. No question about it.*

What would you change about UMW? *One of the things I'm really passionate about is having more international students on campus, especially from developing areas of the world, like Africa and Latin America.*

How would you describe yourself? *I think I'm approachable and fair. I'm passionate about the things I do, about my discipline, and about where I live. That's part of the reason I stay so involved.*

What motivates you? *Seeing students succeed. Also, when you're an immigrant, there's a kind of impetus to work hard and strive for more.*

What inspires you? *My family and my parents, who sacrificed a lot when we left Cuba.*

What matters most to you? *Whatever is going on in the lives of my kids, even at their [adult] ages.*

What are you passionate about? *All issues related to Cuba and Cuban-American relations. Whenever I have a chance, I go to D.C. to lobby Congress; I've kind of appointed myself as a different Cuban-American voice.*

What do you enjoy doing? *Getting up early and seeing the wildlife on the farm. I look forward to springtime, even though I have an acre of grass to mow.*

What are you afraid of? *One of my dreams is to be able to go to Cuba and have some sort of easy relationship with my place of origin; I'm afraid that won't be in my lifetime.*

What keeps you awake at night? *Issues at work or with students. I'm not a great sleeper, so a lot of things keep me up.*

What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you? *A lot of people are surprised by the fact that I live on a farm. I don't look rural. 🏡*



Philly Honors Philanthropist

Being the mother of six and the grandmother of 15, as well as the owner of 25 thoroughbred horses, might seem like a lot to handle. But for **Elizabeth “Betty” Ranny Moran ’53** it isn’t nearly enough.

The consummate philanthropist, who finds leftover time, energy, and funds to pour into an array of causes, was honored last year on National Philanthropy Day with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the greater Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

“Here is a woman who is truly a philanthropist in heart and action,” Herb Moelis, president and founder of Thoroughbred Charities of America, said of Moran in *County Lines* online magazine. “All one needs to do is ask, and Betty steps forward.”

A champion squash player and avid foxhunter, Moran owns Brushwood Stables in Malvern, Pa., and was a founding member of the Chester County Community Foundation. She has served on the boards of the Chester County Food Bank, Bryn Clovis Charity Foundation, Paoli Hospital, Community Volunteers in Medicine, Operation Warm, and Home of the Sparrow, which serves the homeless. She co-chaired a campaign for La Comunidad Hispana, was honored by the Salvation Army in 2009, and received the Jordan Award for Philanthropy in 2000.



“Mrs. Moran’s reputation as owner of a top breeding farm is matched by her active and generous involvement with local charities working to save humans, horses, and open space,” *County Lines* magazine reported in 2009.



Red Cross public affairs volunteer **J. Suzanne Horsley** was interviewed by *Dateline NBC*’s Brian Williams after the Tuscaloosa tornado last April. An oak tree fell on her home, but she was unharmed, so she quickly got to work helping others.

When Disaster Strikes, PR Pro Gets the Word Out

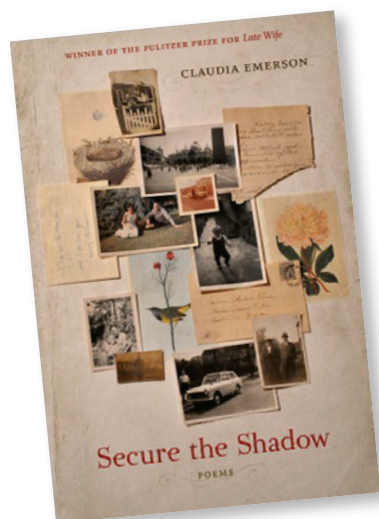
While others flee hurricanes, fires, and floods, **J. Suzanne Horsley ’93** rushes in. During the past decade, the self-proclaimed “disaster junkie” and national Red Cross public affairs volunteer has deployed to some of the country’s worst weather-torn areas, including New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and portions of North Dakota and Arkansas after floods.

So when a massive tornado ripped through Tuscaloosa, Ala., the city where she lives and works, last April, Horsley was ready to help. She coordinated public information efforts and participated in more than 50 interviews. Horsley, an assistant professor at the University of Alabama, assembled a team of advertising and public relations students to create a website, write news releases, and produce online content for the local Red Cross chapter.

The disaster brought a swirl of attention to Horsley. In August, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication gave her its SuPRStar Award for Excellence in Community Service for her contributions after the tornado.

“This crisis in Tuscaloosa – yes, it was a danger,” Horsley told the Alabama online news source AL.com. “But look at the opportunities to come together as a community, get students involved in helping, and conduct research that can help mitigate disasters in the future.”

Books by Faculty



Secure the Shadow

By Claudia Emerson, UMW professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry

Death comes calling in Claudia Emerson's *Secure the Shadow*. But as the poetry collection – dedicated to the memory of her father and brother, who both died within a three-year span – delves into the darkness of demise, it also illuminates the idea of conservation.

It “may seem to be about death, the brother’s death, the father’s death, everyone’s death,” wrote Virginia Poet Laureate **Kelly Cherry ’61**. “Yet the poems themselves...are the poet’s brilliant argument for life.”

Emerson’s words explore cultural and historical aspects of dying through everything from a burning home to the slaughter of farm animals, and, most profoundly, through the loss of her own family members. But, as its title – an old ad for postmortem images – suggests, the work extols preservation, and the author pays homage to the children photographed in death who live on in dusty daguerreotypes.

“Photography is preservation...poetry is also preserving,” Emerson told UMW’s *DTLT Today* webcast. “The thing that’s always alive is the person who’s going to view it...the living eye moving around the figure or through the poem.”

Emerson, a former Virginia Poet Laureate whose six books include the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Late Wife*, has received fellowships from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, and Library of Congress.

Published by Louisiana State University Press, February 2012

Books by Alumni



The Scorpio Races

By Maggie Stiefvater '03

The Scorpio Races, winner of a Michael L. Printz Honor for excellence in teen literature and the Odyssey Honor for best audiobook for young adults, combines an island setting, dangerous horse racing, and a budding teenage romance that pits the players against death.

The Los Angeles Times said of it, “A thrilling book that’s as unusual as it is alluring.”

Published by Scholastic Press, October 2011

So There!

By Nicole Louise Reid '95

A collection of nine short stories about defiant women and girls standing at the edge of rebirth.

Published by Stephen F. Austin State University Press, October 2011

Masculinity in Children’s Animal Stories, 1888-1928: A Critical Study of Anthropomorphic Tales by Wilde, Kipling, Potter, Grahame and Milne

By Wynn William Yarbrough '91

This text examines the role of masculinity in the enduring animal tales produced around the turn of the 20th century.

Published by McFarland Press, June 2011

A Boy’s Dream

By Wynn William Yarbrough '91

A book of poetry that draws on the author’s relationship with women throughout his lifetime.

Published by Pessoa Press, July 2011

Plains Indian Art: The Pioneering Work of John C. Ewers

Edited by Jane Ewers Robinson '61

A vividly illustrated collection of the writings of the late John Canfield Ewers, whose publications have long been important reading for anyone interested in the cultures of the Plains peoples.

Published by University of Oklahoma Press, October 2011

Get the Picture?

In the last issue, a 1964 *Battlefield* photo (right) showed freshmen wielding “pots, pans, and pins to rid themselves of beanies.” We asked readers to help name the students and to explain the connection between the commotion and the shedding of the requisite first-year caps.

Jan Latven Allnutt '60 wrote to identify herself at the far left of the image clutching a pan and sporting a headband. Beside her, **Susan Cramer Drouin '60** wears an unbuttoned sweater and nearby **Johanna VanTol Goetz Bullock '60** is in rolled-up jeans.

Pre-nursing student **Kaye L. Carrithers '73** (not pictured) remembers wearing her Mary Washington beanie. The photo shows a noise-making match between the Devils and the Goats, she said. If the freshmen were more boisterous, they got to lose the beanies. “That’s probably why the students in the picture had the pots and pans. Some people really hated the beanies, but I thought they were fun,” wrote Carrithers, who transferred before graduation. “By the way, I was a Devil.”



We finally have a name to put with the foamy face in the 1989 Devil-Goat Day photo (left) featured in the Summer 2011 magazine. **Michael P. Tringale '89** wrote to say the soaped-up senior is **Kimberley Rivenbark Jesser '89**.



Give It Your Best Shot!

In the '80s, computer science students worked on terminals like this one (pictured, right) in Combs Hall’s subterranean “B7.” Professor Ernie Ackermann, Mary Washington’s first director of academic computing, said that back then the terminals were connected by wires to the main computer – a Prime (brand) 750.

Mary Washington’s 750 was about the size of a built-in professional-style refrigerator – much taller than the average man and double his width. An upgrade from the college’s Prime 500, the 750 had two to eight megabytes of memory and 1,200 megabytes of disc storage.

“We also had a disc drive about the size of a washing machine,” Ackermann said, “and a large, noisy line-printer.”

We think many of you will remember the terminals – but can anyone identify the mustachioed user?

If you know this student, please send an email with *Get the Picture* in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu.

Or write us at *UMW Magazine – Get the Picture*
1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.





- 1 & 3** More than 100 students, parents, and friends gathered in the Eagle Landing rotunda for a reception honoring graduating students who finished coursework in December. 1) **Anthony "Tony" Rodriguez '12** (left) with his father and brother, both named Carlos Rodriguez; 3) **Noah Tucker '11, Daniel Murdoch '12, Stephanie Lichiello '11, and Brendan Gisa-Sisson '11.**
- 2** Alumni, including **Anne Robinson Hallerman '77, Debbie Akers Berry '78, Cheryl Smith Shiembob '78, Cary Tilton Doyle '60, and Marshall Vogt '07,** met at Willow Oaks Country Club in October to discuss forming a UMW Richmond Alumni and Parent Network.
- 4** Alumni and friends, including Michael and **Mary Louise Holmes '97,** gathered in November to network and meet the UMW deans.
- 5** Alumni showed their Eagle spirit in the Big Apple in January at the UMW New York Network's first happy hour.
- 6** Alumni from Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., including **Lindsay Ollice '05, Lisa Maloney Keyser '05, Harlan Bennett '03, and Steven Palmer '05,** socialized in Old Town Alexandria for a November networking event.
- 7** A law school student, a corporate VP, a policy maker, and lots of lawyers, including BOV Rector **Daniel K. Steen '84** (far back, wearing tie), lit up Lee Hall during a November "Legal Eagle" panel hosted by the offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services.

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1941

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If the old saying “no news is good news” holds true, there must be lots of good news among our class members because we have heard little from them.

Those who attended our 50th reunion in 1991 might remember that **Edith Patterson Breeden** drove her '74 Volkswagen “bug” from her California home. She only recently parted with it, and now her dentist owns it. Edith's daughter and son-in-law of Los Angeles are grandparents. Her son and daughter-in-law live in Medford, Ore. Edith lives in between and looks forward to a family reunion this summer. **Myra McCormick Cole** sent tales of dreadful heat and a shortage of rain in the heart of Texas. She enjoys her new computer, continues to do handwork, and walks each day for exercise. She is 91, which might be our classmates' average age. **Dorothy Shaw** acquired a computer, found relatives in England whom she had not known existed, and contacted them. They made arrangements to visit her in her ancestral home in Buffalo, N.Y., and on her farm just outside the city.

Note of interest: Of our 61 class members, 17 have email.

1942 *Reunion Weekend*

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Anna Austin Ware is gathering local stories about the August earthquake in Mineral, Va., and writing them up to put in a folder in Sudlersville Memorial Library. One was about a friend who touched a button in the dentist's office and thought that was what made her chair move. Anna, herself, thought she was having a stroke and got up to take two aspirin! **Libby Phillips Roe** visited Anna recently and said there were two sisters from Mineral there, one of whom was an elementary major and one of their classmates.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray continues to play bridge at Sherburne Commons and was looking forward to Thanksgiving, when grandson Andrew and his wife and two children, whom she hadn't seen in a long time, were to be on Nantucket. **Marie Kennedy Robins** spent a delightful fall vacation at Anna Maria Island, which resembles the old Florida, with a slow pace and no high rises, and is bordered on the west by the Gulf of Mexico. Marie's son-in-law, Robert Wagner, was named Maryland's most distinguished school principal for 2011.

Phyllis Quimby Anderson finally has a great-grandchild and was expecting another one in December – both girls! She went to two of her granddaughters' weddings, one in April and one in September, so she might have three great-grandchildren soon. She went to the USS *New York* October reunion in Virginia Beach with her daughter and two sons. Hank passed away last year, and Phyllis said it seems that more widows come each year. A highlight of the weekend was dinner onboard after a tour of the ship, and Phyllis was glad to have made it up several sets

of ladder-type stairs and back down backward! She still plays bridge, sings in the choir, does volunteer work, and planned to start a hand-bell group again after Christmas.

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1947 *Reunion Weekend*

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My oldest son, Harry, lives in Florida and has many health problems but still manages to work. Mark and I enjoy lectures at Virginia Tech, Hokie football games, and dining out.

Eloise Roberts Vass has lived in the Southminster continuing care retirement community in Charlotte, N.C., for nine years. She has two children and six grandchildren in Charlotte. When they all get together, including spouses and her great-grandchild, there are 12. Her oldest son and his family live in Lexington, Ky. Everyone came to her 85th birthday celebration last June.

Don't forget to write!

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Jane McCullough Smallwood interred her husband, Jerry, an Air Force and commercial pilot, attorney, and college professor, at Arlington National Cemetery in August. He used the last degree he earned, an MBA from George Mason University, in his work as a financial consultant in their Kitty Hawk, N.C., retirement home. Jane still teaches, plays bridge, and dances with the Wright Tappers, who earned a medal at the Senior Games in Raleigh. Jane also competed in other events and earned medals in four out of six. She hopes to still be driving when our 65th reunion rolls around!

The Mary Washington community was saddened to

learn of the December passing of **Dorothy “Towlesey” Towles Rowe Castles**, a native of Fredericksburg and lifetime resident of the area. Towlesey supported historic preservation, and her efforts, along with those of her late husband, Ret. Army Lt. Gen. John G. “Jack” Castles, resulted in the inclusion of Santee, their Caroline County home, on the National Register of Historic Places. She loved gardening, dogs, and spending time on the water and at the beach with her family. She was survived by a son, a daughter, and five granddaughters.

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The national news covered various weather vagaries this year, including blizzards, a short spring, sustained heat waves, tornadoes, floods, forest fires, a major hurricane, even an earthquake.

In the wake of Hurricane Irene, which raked the Eastern Seaboard from the Outer Banks of North Carolina to Nova Scotia, we learned the tragic news of the loss of our dear classmate **Elizabeth “Betty” Forsyth Somers** and her husband, Lewis S. Somers III, to carbon monoxide poisoning, an indirect result of the hurricane. The couple was found Aug. 30 at their summer home on Sebago Lake in Maine, where a propane generator was running after the storm knocked out electricity for more than 48 hours. Both Pennsylvania natives, Lewis graduated from Williams College in 1949, the same year Betty graduated from MWC. Betty was an administrator for the former Smith, Kline & French pharmaceutical firm in the 1950s. The couple owned two small medical products businesses in the '60s and '70s. At the time of his death, Lewis was chairman of Harmac Medical Products Inc. Betty worked as a volunteer at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Antiques Show, the Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, International House Philadelphia, and the Random Garden Club, and she was on the board of Morris Arboretum



until her death. A memorial service was held in September at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lafayette Hill, Pa. The Somerses are survived by two sons, Lewis IV and John; a daughter, Elizabeth Somers Stutzman; and two grandchildren. The tragedy of the Somerses' deaths is twofold, as **Margaret "Peggy" Elliott Sweeney's** daughter, Christine, married Betty's son, further

Of the 61 members of the Class of 1941, 17 have email.

uniting the former classmates and longtime friends. Our class's heartfelt sympathy goes to the Somerses' family.

In August, **Dolores "Dee" Ross** drove from Kilmarnock, Va., to Fredericksburg for the dedication of the Anderson Center, which honors former UMW President William M. Anderson. The 52,000-square-foot building serves as a space for convocations, concerts, and community events, as well as a state-of-the-art sports facility. Dee observed the youthful appearance of the faculty members and only recognized their status by the colorful bands on their hoods. While awaiting the ceremonies, Dee found her chair with its engraved plaque and had her picture taken in it. She is among six classmates who dedicated one of 500 seats with special nameplates on the arms among the center's retractable bleachers. One of our plaques is dedicated in honor of every Fabulous Forty-Niner. Dedicate a seat by making a \$2,000 gift to the Fund for Mary Washington. Dee took a November trip abroad, with stops in Paris, Luxembourg, Nuremberg, and Prague; cruises along the Moselle and Rhine rivers; and visits to museums, churches, cathedrals, and the American Cemetery, where our gallant men lie as a result of the Battle of the Bulge.

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore visited Turkey and Greece in October with a group from the Vienna Presbyterian Church in Virginia. They followed some of St. Paul's routes, and Betty trekked over rough ground but was slowed by steep hills. Upon her return home, she was sorry to learn of

the Somerses' disaster from our faithful correspondent, **Mary Elwang Sharpley**, and from **Jeanne Farrington Leslie**.

Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly and George planned a much shorter October journey to Jonesborough, Tenn., the site of the annual National Storytelling Festival. The Kellys participated in these festivals when they lived in Bristol. Marion and **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** had their usual lunch in mid-August. Andi has her routine at The Summit, stays in close contact with

family members, and keeps track of her grandchildren in their scattered environs.

Gwen Brubaker Connell and Jack of Florida celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October with an overnight trip with their daughter and her husband, who married on their anniversary date. Blessed with three new great-grandchildren, including twin girls, Gwen revealed that another little one was on the way, for a total of 15!

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart continues to find roles in Toronto. In November, she was shooting a Canadian feature called *Old Stock*, in which she plays the grandmother of the title character, Stock, who lives in a retirement home with Conni's onscreen husband. The actor who plays her grandson is 19, and Conni had played his grandmother in another role when he was only 9. Her husband was played by an actor Conni had known in Los Angeles. Small world! Son Curtis, Heidi, and their two teenagers spent a week in August with Conni and Bonar. With no more driving trips to St. Louis or other long-distance locales, the Stuarts rely on Skype to see their boys and grandchildren.

Frances Houston Layton planned a Thanksgiving trip to Kentucky with her blessings: her two children, two granddaughters, and three great-granddaughters, ages 7, 5, and 2. Not only was Nov. 11, 2011, numerically interesting and Veterans Day, it also was **Lucille "Tudie" Pope Midyette's** 83rd birthday, which she celebrated by going to dinner with three of her widow friends. "A nice young man," who also just turned 83,

sent a bottle of wine to their table and they celebrated in style. Tudie still has it!

A question came up about Mrs. Charles Lake Bushnell and her retirement as the esteemed dean of women at our alma mater. While reams have been written about her 30-year tenure at what began as the State Normal School and evolved into MWC, we will relate here only the facts of her retirement at age 70, the Commonwealth's mandatory requirement. We are beholden to that Renaissance man, *bon vivant*, and music teacher, Levin Houston, for his memorable article, excerpted here, about his longtime close friend, Nina G. Bushnell. The article was printed in MWC's *Bulletin* in 1969 and has since appeared in the library's newsletter. It's a masterful tribute, written *in memoriam* and detailing her unique service to the school and her students:

"Those who were around at the time of [Mrs. Bushnell's] retirement got much amusement from her means of departure – that is, everyone but her successor. Without notifying the Administration or anyone except her faithful maid, she departed, leaving her offices in Virginia Hall without one sign that she had ever been there. The list of approved callers, everything pertaining to her life at the college, was gone. The file was clean and empty. Nothing was in a desk drawer. Her successor had to start from scratch. Later it transpired she had at the age of 70 accepted a similar position at Moravian College in Pennsylvania. She remained

couldn't believe it. Although 89 years is a long time to spend on this Earth, I really felt that she was indestructible."

Levin also wrote that they'd exchanged notes at Christmas until that last year, and he shared part of the last letter he received from her. It was a beautifully worded expression of the pleasure afforded her by a thoughtful souvenir he sent from a trip to the Middle East and of their friendship. Levin noted, "She was 88 at the time she wrote that, the handwriting still as firm as ever." A few former students reported visiting Mrs. Bushnell at Moravian and finding her the same regal lady we all knew and the majority of us loved.

That's all we have for this issue. As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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We experienced earthquakes, hurricanes, and a strange Halloween snowstorm in the Northeast.

In Buena Vista, Va., **Elsie Lee Davidson Floyd** felt some moving under her feet during the earthquake, and her son in California called to see what was going on. **Carol Bailey Miller** said Cumberland, Va., really got shaken and her dining room and kitchen cabinets rattled. She and her sister, **Ruth Bailey Conroy '43**, visited Ruth's son, Patrick, a Jesuit priest who was installed as the chaplain of the House of Representatives, and he showed them around the Capitol.

Edith Patterson Breeden '41 recently parted with the '74 Volkswagen "bug" she drove from her California home to our 50th reunion in 1991.

there, and from conversations with Moravian graduates, accomplished the same sort of genteel behavior, which had been her aim here. After five years, she moved to the more benign climate of Florida to take care of her older sister. She never returned to Fredericksburg. When the news of the death of Mrs. Bushnell in Bradenton, Fla., on March 18, 1969, was announced, somehow I

Hurricane Irene left water in **Mim Sollows Wieland's** basement in New Providence, N.J. An October snowstorm shut off power and heat for days, and she and Earl stayed in a Pennsylvania motel near her daughter.

I was sorry to learn that **Rowena Simpson Renn-Hicks** was diagnosed with cancer in January and had chemo

treatments. In November, after further tests, her condition was downgraded from stage 4 to stage 3. **Ciel Schoolcraft Commander** saw Rowena and said she was in good spirits. Ciel took her 10th and last grandchild on a Road Scholar Intergenerational [Elderhostel] trip in June. While she was gone, husband Buck had a stroke but luckily lost only his equilibrium. Ciel's daughter, Leslie, who is a doctor, was in charge.

I also attended a Road Scholar program in Pittsburgh that took us to museums and restaurants. If you have never tried one of these programs, I highly recommend them.

I hope I will get news from more of you in the future.

1951

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Audrey Conkling Wegener, Sarah Herring Estes, Sarah Mount Blazevic, and I enjoyed our June reunion but were sorry more classmates couldn't join us. We "old" people rode in golf carts so we wouldn't have to walk. I still am at the apothecary shop three times a week, and Sarah was preparing to give up her church job. **Ruth DeMiller Hill**, who has been in her house 50 years, was dealing with cavities, fallen trees in her yard, car problems, and a boat that sank during a rainy spell. Her good news was that she was to have become a great-grandmother in March.

Is anyone going to write and let me know what's going on? Have a great rest of the year!

1952 *Reunion Weekend*
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As I gathered notes and emails from the Class of 1952, I grew excited about seeing friends in Fredericksburg in June. Can it really have been 60 years since we graduated? We are thankful for the work of reunion committee members **Phyllis Farmer Shaffer, Betty Jefferson Blaisdell, Mildred Jones Bonner, Gwen Amory Cumming**, and **Rita Morgan Stone**.

As many of you know, my sister, Margie, died after a debilitating stroke, and it was heartening to hear the eulogies at her memorial service. She had done lots of good in her life. My husband and I left our snowy mountain home to live near three of our children and our nine grandchildren in the Denver area, where we can see their sports events and music programs. I volunteer in two classrooms, am active in local politics, and still enjoy duplicate bridge. Remember all the bridge we played in Mary Washington dorms?

Eleanor Crockett Woglom retired to Reston, Va., with James, her husband of 60 years, who was a consulting engineer. They have four children and 10 grandchildren, ages 8 to 28, and enjoy attending their sports and music events. Eleanor, who has enjoyed tennis, skiing, golf, and world travel, is in good health and plays lots of bridge. **Anne Hart Martin** of Mazon, Ill., spent two weeks in Paris last spring with her husband and was looking forward to a new year with family visits. Anne has been in touch with **Ruth Williams Webb, Jane Self Ellis**, and **Rose Gillis Low**.

Nancy Parker Richardson of Virginia Beach had fun at a granddaughter's wedding in October. Another granddaughter attends Virginia Tech, and a third granddaughter was expecting a baby in April, making Nancy a great-grandmother. She sends her love to "all the 1952 gals." **June Thierbach Scanlon Carroll's** granddaughter, Tara, is a freshman on scholarship at Florida State. June keeps in touch with **Phyllis "Butch" Farmer Shaffer** and **Susan Jones Hewton**.

Carol Edgerton Cooper of Lake Barcroft, Va., lost her husband, Charlie, last year. But, with memories of life in "the Corps," a wide circle of friends, and her family, she enjoyed an active year of travel and reunion. **Joan Britten Lucas** celebrated her 80th birthday with a family reunion followed by her son's wedding. She and Dick have three great-grandchildren. **Joyce Long Moore** has had two hip replacements but stays active and does family research on the computer. She has great-

granddaughters **Anastasia** and **Julia** and grandson **Ethan**, who was to come home with his mother during his father's next deployment to Afghanistan. **Joyce** teaches an adult Sunday school class and coordinates a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace university class. Last Thanksgiving several family members brought dinner to her house.

Nancy McLeod Daugherty moved from Georgia to Haymarket, Va., to be close to family. She and her husband downsized to a condo and took a cruise last year along the coast of Maine. They have two college-aged granddaughters, a freshman at the University of Hartford and a junior at Clemson. Nancy sings in a local chorale, belongs to a book club, and plays bridge. **Alice Parsons Bennett** has lived in Seattle since 1957, has been married to Skip for 59 years, and has two sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren, all in the Washington area. Alice keeps in

Father Pat Conroy, chaplain of the House of Representatives, showed his aunt, **Carol Bailey Miller '50**, and mother, **Ruth Bailey Conroy '43**, around the Capitol during their visit.

touch with **Jean Crews Derry**, who lives in an assisted-living facility in Juno Beach, Fla., and has a son and a daughter, who is a computer specialist for the government in Japan. Jean's eight grandchildren all live in Oregon. She plays bridge and has visited every continent, including Antarctica.

Hope we see you in Fredericksburg!

1953

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I am excited about the number of responses from you for this issue!

Bub's and my 11 grandchildren range in age from 9 to 32, and our children all have some gray hair. Fortunately, none of them lives far away, but their busy lives (and ours) keep us from getting together as often as I'd like. Son Chip

and his family of Harrisonburg, Va., were to host Thanksgiving, and everyone was to come here for "Harvill Christmas." Chip's wife, Karmen, has the genealogy bug, and we all enjoy her efforts. Several weeks ago they took me to Nottoway County, Va., where I was born in Burkeville almost 80 years ago. We tramped through the Redford family cemetery and examined what was left after the family home burned years ago. I brought back a charred brick with wonderful smoke marks that's now on our mantel.

Peggy Ellis Gill's husband, Paul, sent word that she remains in a nursing home; a fall three years ago left Peggy with a spinal-cord injury and quadriplegia. She is alert, Paul said, and could participate in a conference call.

Anne Berkeley Doherty and husband Don moved to the country of upstate New York about 23 years ago and built a home in Cazenovia, a village in the Snow Belt east of Syracuse. Anne enjoys doubles tennis, golf, garden clubs, and church, where she is an advocate for

a church-sponsored Burmese family with four children. Son David moved to Georgia to escape the cold. Son Don lives in Brooklyn, teaches at Pratt Institute, and visits often with his two boys. Anne keeps in touch with **Anne Mattingly** and **Joan "Honey" Kerrins Friel**, whose husband, John, passed away in May. Honey talks weekly with **Anne Gorman Mattingly** of Annapolis, Md.

Betsy Dickenson Surles and Lenny have enjoyed life since his sudden heart-valve replacement a year ago. In accounting since 1953, Lenny was back at work in a month. Betsy teaches senior adult Sunday school; facilitates the Sojourners senior group, which Betsy began when her Class-of-'29 mother died in 2002; and planned a bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the annual *Spirit of America* show. Assisting the elderly keeps her active in the kitchen and in nursing homes of longtime friends. Betsy's elder

Fall Expert Pursues Balanced Life

As a physical therapist, **Roberta Ann Newton '69** has reached the top, but she refused to take the elevator to get there. An internationally recognized leader in fall prevention for older adults, Newton insisted on climbing the steps to her sixth-floor office at Temple University, from which she retired last year as a clinical professor of medicine.

Taking the stairs – and any chance for exercise – is serious business for Newton, since staying active reduces the risk of injury in case of falls, a phenomenon that threatens the independence – and lives – of millions each year. For her contributions, Newton received the American Physical Therapy Association's highest honor last spring. The Catherine Worthingham Fellow award was the checkered flag on Newton's career, a fast track to professional success that had its starting line in grade school and picked up speed during her undergraduate years.

"There was never a doubt for me. Mary Washington was the prime place I wanted to go," said Newton, who grew up in Fredericksburg, just blocks from the school. "Being in that environment, you learned its strengths."

With a natural curiosity that had her dissecting childhood toys and with teachers who made science seem sensational, Newton discovered her calling early on.

"Science was absolutely, without a doubt, my favorite subject," she said, "and it was unusual for a woman to like science back then."

Even so, Mary Washington's science departments teemed with female faculty members in the late '60s, Newton said. One in particular, biology professor Anna Scott Hoye, became Newton's mentor and friend.

"She provided challenges and instilled confidence in me," Newton said of Hoye. "She showed you how to do things, then let you do them for yourself."

The strength of Newton's Mary Washington education led to her acceptance, without a master's degree, to the Medical College of Virginia's doctoral program in neurophysiology. Before she'd completed the program, MCV had offered her a job, making Newton the first person to join a university's physical therapy faculty without a physical therapy degree. She went on to earn a bachelor's in the subject.



Roberta Ann Newton '69 became interested in science at a time when the field attracted few women. Now an internationally recognized expert in fall prevention, Newton stresses the importance of staying active. She takes her own advice to heart, engaging regularly in a variety of physical activities, including dance, tai chi, and gardening.

After 16 years at MCV, she was recruited in 1989 to help establish a doctoral program at Temple University in Pennsylvania. A flurry of prestigious appointments followed, including a stint as director of the Institute on Aging, but fall prevention remained her focus.

"When I moved to Philadelphia, fall prevention screening was not on the radar," Newton said.

The former member of the Mary Washington tennis team urges her research subjects to follow her lead and stay active. Semi-retired in Greensboro, N.C., Newton still gardens, dances, does tai chi, and chooses steps over elevators – whatever it takes to stay on her toes. When she isn't burning calories, she teaches an online course, writes and reviews manuscripts, and helps former students, who are now her colleagues, with their own projects.

"So what if I'm going to be 65?" Newton said. "I don't feel it. I walked two marathons this year. I don't look at chronology; I'm more interested in quality."

son moved home awhile ago, and his two pre-teen daughters visit every other weekend.

Mason Anderson wrote of the April 2011 death of **Donna Gray Anderson**. She didn't feel well at Christmas, and tests showed that, five years after surgery, her cancer had spread quickly to her liver and lower spine. She began hospice care at home and went peacefully, surrounded by family. **Garnette Bell Crawford** and **Carol Ann Smith Boyes** joined families for dinner in Ocean City, Md., during the summer. Carol Ann's grandson was visiting from Australia. Garnette and husband Norm are still involved with Salisbury University, where Norm served as president before his retirement, initiating several sports, including football and lacrosse. Norm and Garnette were honored by Salisbury recently at a ring ceremony. In September, Garnette and daughter Sally visited relatives and old friends on a trip to her hometown, Newport, R.I.

Despite drought and flood in Strasburg, Va., **Virginia Bailes** harvested tomatoes and figs. Ginny heard from **Betty Buck** and **Kitty Obenshain**, but they have not visited lately. **Ann DeWitt Harvey** raised five children with her husband in Sudbury, Mass. After his death, she moved to Maryland and lives in the Fox Hill senior condominium near their youngest son, who has a young son and was expecting another. Ann's granddaughter in Massachusetts planned to apply to UMW. Ann recalled coming to a reunion years ago with **Peg Gill** and would like to hear from **Carol Ann Smith Boyes**.

Deigh Renn Simpson had a busy summer with friends and family dropping in. She participated in Women's Wellness Weekend at Douthat State Park, where she canoed, did her first kayaking, ate food from the wild, and participated in self-defense, fire arms, and more.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson moved into her condo a year ago and likes being close to Brompton and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center and the convenience of participating in the Elderstudy group and campus activities. She enjoyed the events leading up to the inauguration

of the well-liked UMW President Richard V. Hurley. Peg is a friend of **Charles Reed Jr. '11**, who rode the PBS 2011 Freedom Ride bus. Peg planned a Thanksgiving trip to visit her nephew in Sacramento, Calif., and a February trip to the Keys. She visited the Picasso exhibit with a local group, took a cruise on Smith Mountain Lake, and spends several summer weeks at the family cottage. At a recent funeral, Peg saw **Betsy Dickinson Surles** and the stepdaughter of **Ruth Williams Taylor**.

Ginny Poole Kinniburgh said Mary Washington "has come a long way since our uncomplicated days of Devils and Goats." She misses her dear friend, **Joanne Harris**, and their monthly luncheons. Ginny and her husband, who live in a retirement community near Dulles Airport, escaped the worst of Hurricane Irene. They try to visit their three great-grandchildren in Orlando often to observe their grandchildren as parents.

Adele "Punky" Crise Thomas' husband, Buz, had a small stroke in May, got pneumonia, and was in Johns Hopkins in Baltimore until August. His dog died the day he went to Hopkins. Buz has had dementia and short-term memory loss for a few years. Their daughters were great and gave Adele plenty of advice, which they are fond of doing. Adele found a 5-year-old yellow Lab, a ringer for Buz's dog, and adopted him and his sister, a chocolate Lab, from the rescue association. Adele sent a picture of Bennett II sleeping with his head on Buz's shoulder, their regular nap routine. Punky,

Becky Sptizer Harvill '53 visited her birthplace in Nottoway County, Va., examined what a fire left of the family home, and brought back a smoke-charred brick for her mantel.

your selfless devotion reminds us what life, marriage, and love are all about.

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If no news is good news, you all must be having a heck of a good time.

My delightful granddaughter returned from her exchange in Germany, speaking fluently and matured beyond her 16 years. She toured Europe with Rotary and again with her parents. Their two big Labs came to our house while they were touring!

The epicenter of the August earthquake that struck Virginia was less than 20 miles from **Joan Darden**, and she had just stepped out of the shower when things began to shake. Also in August, she achieved her goal of shooting her age in golf for one round, then went back to normal on the next one. She saw her great-nephew act in and direct a play in Boca Raton, Fla., in November. She said "hams" run in the family.

Polly Stoddard Heim and Ken were back in Tucson, Ariz., but planned a Thanksgiving trip to Mission Viejo, Calif. After the earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and torrential rains, **Sally Hanger Moravitz** and her husband had the most beautiful fall leaves she'd ever seen. She and granddaughter Madeline were having fun comparing the differences in Madeline's UMW and Sally's MWC.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth had just sat down to read when the earthquake tickled the bottoms of her feet. Her husband had been mowing the lawn and didn't believe that the lights had swayed and the wind chimes had rung. The hurricane was about 80 miles off

the coast of Ocean City, and they slept through it. They were without electricity for 17 hours, but their generator served them well.

Mary Margaret Papstein Carter and George met **Ann "Miss" Hungerford McKinlay** and **Carol Cooper**, who came from Virginia to sightsee and visit, in New York. They wanted to have lunch at Eataly, an Italian restaurant that's part of Chef Mario Batali's empire, but it was packed, so they walked several blocks to the Blue Water Grill, where a jazz trio promptly took its place beside them. They visited the High Line, a city park built on the remains of an elevated railway. Carol attended the inauguration of UMW's new president, Richard V. Hurley, and said the faculty is thrilled with him. Mary Margaret and George survived Hurricane Irene and the early snowstorm. They lost power and lots of trees but had no water in the basement.

Sally Hanger Moravitz '55 and granddaughter Madeline have been discussing differences between Madeline's UMW and Sally's MWC.

Ginny Marco Hancock reported of a pre-nursing group at Mary Washington. She has kept in touch with several classmates, including **Barbara Gill Beeman**, **Pauline Hamilton Burn**, **Mildred Corum Campbell**, **Emma Coleman Chapman**, **Fran Moorman Hawkins**, **Sally Rexrode Hiner**, **Ann Turner Gray Norris**, **Nancy Calloway Peery**, **Doris "Mickey" Arrington St. Clair**, **Sarah Nissley Woody**, and **Maydene Hoback Young**. **Kathryn "Kae" Engquist Brown** died last August. Several members of the Class of 1956 attended a May reunion. Ginny, who attended her high school reunion in May, saw a picture of the group and said they looked great.

Put me on your list, and send notes or emails for the next edition.

1956

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I am here to pass on news you'd like to share but haven't heard from anyone recently. I got an invitation from **June**

Tingler Buie to join Facebook, but I am not yet a subscriber because high-speed Internet isn't available in my rural location and my system is cantankerous. I had lunch with **Anne Mitchell Wood** at **Carole Petley Toone's** house last summer, and I heard that **Turner Christian Richardson** has moved from Williamsburg to Atlanta. Hope someone will call or write to me between now and the next Class Notes deadline.

1957 *Reunion Weekend*

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Hello, ladies! I apologize for missing the deadline for the summer issue! Being a caregiver leaves me little time of my own, but I shall try to improve.

Nancy Hallett

Guest and Harry spent the summer in Albany, N.Y., went with the family to Martha's Vineyard in September, and planned to go to Vail, Colo., for the winter. Harry had the ACL replaced in

his knee and was to be ready to ski in February.

Mary Montague Hudson Sikes had five new books released in the last half of 2011. Her publisher decided to create little hardcover books for some of the places in her *Hotels to Remember* coffee-table book in the *Snapshot in Time* series. The first three are *The Jefferson Hotel*, *The Homestead*, and *Hilltop House*. Mary's adventure novel, *Jungle Jeopardy*, was released in August, and a romance, *A Rainbow for Christmas*, was due out in December. Because *Jungle Jeopardy* is set in Central America and in Mayan ruins there, she planned a December show at the West Point, Va., fine arts center of some of her large acrylic paintings of the ruins. She enjoys yoga, Tabata classes, and tennis.

Remember our upcoming reunion weekend June 1-3 for all classes with years ending in 2 and 7. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!



1958

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Kay Martin Britto and husband Nelson of North Carolina celebrated their 80th and 75th birthdays with a two-week Baltic cruise. They get back to Virginia to see their four children and four grandchildren. They went to a medical convention in Denver in May with daughter Maria, who spoke there. Kay talked with **Bonnie Hatch Bowden**, who lives nearby, is busy working with the Democratic Party, is a potter, and is a volunteer usher at a local theater. She took her three grandsons sightseeing in Washington, D.C. Kay saw **Anne dePorry McGrath** recently in Fredericksburg, and they walked around campus, walked a pedestrian bridge that spans U.S. Route 1, and marveled at the new dorms across the way. Anne took a trip to Africa, has been involved in classes for seniors held at UMW, and enjoys photography. She has six grandsons and one granddaughter.

Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson of Fredericksburg is involved with UMW activities. She was to leave in October with President Richard V. Hurley, wife Rose, and other friends of UMW for a Mediterranean cruise on the *Sea Cloud II*, which was to include Sicily, Sardinia, and Malta, and Teresa Kennedy of UMW as their lecturer. Martha's daughter and family returned from living in London several years ago, and her daughter is employed by the Leon Levine Foundation in Charlotte, N.C. They have a daughter at Georgetown University and a son at Charlotte Country Day School. Martha's son, who has a design-build company in Richmond, has a son at U.Va., another son at VCU, and a daughter at Byrd Middle School.

Martha and her college roommate, **Elinor Runge Vitek**, visit several times a year in Fredericksburg, where Martha introduces Elinor around town. Elinor's son is bemoaning current and future college expenses.

Jerry Sample Stocks and husband Ray of Beaufort, S.C., attended an August UMW brunch and program at the Mills House Hotel in Charleston.

Irene Goldman Taradash, whose granddaughter is a Mary Washington graduate and whom Jerry had not seen since 1956, was there. Also there was **Carol Cobert McGill '66**, a Charleston artist from whom Jerry took an art workshop several years ago. President Hurley sat at their table, and Jerry now has a license tag holder that reads, "University of Mary Washington," a favor from the brunch.

Jerry and her roommates had their annual reunion in Norfolk, Va., in October at the home of John and **Mary McCardell Furr**. Jerry and her husband were there, along with **Carol Ann Lassalle McMahon Roberts** and husband John from New Orleans, and **Frances Karins Updike** and husband Bud from York, Pa. They started the reunions after our Mary Washington 35th, and this is their 19th. Jerry is a full-time college student pursuing a studio art degree at the University of South Carolina in Beaufort. The school gave her full credit for the courses she took at Mary Washington, so she's considered a junior, and she hopes to attend our 55th reunion with that four-year degree in hand.

Sara Daly Rothenberger and geologist husband Jay live in the country just south of Charlottesville. She takes classes from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, many of which are taught by current or former U.Va. faculty, and occasionally Sara acts as coordinator of the theater class. She lives a half hour from son Bruce and his family and enjoys seeing them often. She gets together regularly with her roommate, **Fran Ferguson Rowan**, who lives three hours away. They meet suitemate **Loretta Hitchings Tate** for lunch in the Virginia Beach area and exchange photos of friends and family. Sara also is in touch with their fourth suitemate, **Mary Virginia Garrett Wadsworth**.

Nancy Lunsford Singer has had the good fortune to live her entire adult life in Fair Haven, N.J., a little town that is between two rivers, three miles from the ocean, and home to Bon Jovi and "the Boss." After her divorce, Nancy became a "blushing bride" in August, marrying Steve Spero. The small wedding included her daughters, Laurie and Allison; granddaughters Bonnie, Jenna, Lilly, and Isabelle; and a few friends. Nancy retired as an assistant to the president of a small local bank, and she and Steve moved to Bonita Springs,

Fla., where Nancy misses her longtime New Jersey friends. She would love to hear from any MWC girls in the Naples area. Nancy said her roommate, **Patti Yearout Wharton**, passed away in the spring. She and Ned had lived in Maine for a number of years, and Sara and Patti had kept in touch.

In April 2011, **Joyce Lee Smith**, **Joyce Corbitt Faison**, **Peggy Saunders Burroughs**, and **Charlene Creekmore Wise** took their suitemate-roommate, **Pat Simmer Bishop**, who lives in a retirement home in Farmville, Va., to lunch. Except for Charlene, the group lived together in Mason and Ball halls. Joyce's husband's son is with W.M. Jordan Co., which is doing the Mason and Randolph renovations, and they go to Fredericksburg to have lunch and watch the progress of the work.

Ruthie Ridge Griggs recalled the autumn leaves at Mary Washington. She enjoyed our 50th reunion in 2008 and looks forward to our 60th. She hears from suitemate **Nancy Snook Miller**; the two were transfers to Framar their junior year. She was expecting **Phyllis Myers Thurm** to arrive from Georgia in October. **Alicia Ann Cox** and Ruthie had a 57th high school reunion. Phyllis was on a cruise.

Joyce Butler Allen's son took **Carol Lehmann** and her garden club of Ridgewood, N.J., to his home during their garden tour. John Allen has written a book, *Uncommon Vernacular: The Early Houses of Jefferson County, West Virginia*. Joyce and Carol reconnected at our 50th class reunion in 2008, which started the planning for the tour and visit with John. **Cynthia West Benney**'s husband, J. Neil Benney Jr., died in February 2011. We send our condolences to Cynthia.

Ebie Breeden McKnight never expected to land in Michigan, but her children talked her into moving north when they relocated to Chicago and were concerned about Ebie's health. Daughter Meg and her family were in Naperville, Ill., and Ebie was in another Chicago suburb 12 miles south. After nearly seven years in Illinois, they headed to southeastern Michigan, near Ann Arbor,

where Meg's husband, Chip, had taken a marketing management position. Meg and her family are in a small picturesque community steeped in more than 200 years of impressive history, and Ebie purchased a comfortable apartment in the independent living wing of the Silver Maples retirement community, where she loves the food, trips, well-stocked library, weekly housekeeping, and pool. She drives and enjoys programs at the university and the restaurants in the area. Meg stays busy with her eldest, a son who is autistic and very bright; identical twin girls in third grade; teaching Sunday school; and leading Brownie Scouts.

Dot Dalton Crossan spent a September week in Williamsburg, playing golf and taking a schooner down the river from Yorktown. They went to Woodstock, Md., to watch grands play football and soccer, then traveled to Long Island to watch two grands in varsity high school football games. Their kids gave them a Thanksgiving golf trip to Pinehurst, N.C., for their 50th wedding anniversary in 2010, and they planned a March trip through the Panama Canal. Dot is involved with Tai Chi, bridge, book clubs, an investment group, golf, library friends, church, and agility training of their 2-year-old Cairn terrier. She sees **Margaret Dunne Zebrowski** often and keeps in touch with **Harriet Ayres Chamberlain** and **Martha "Sissy" Collier Scruggs**, who all are well.

Julia Harris Porter lost her husband of 41 years, David T. Porter, in July. He was swimming, as he liked to do. He was a 1956 Yale graduate and had a non-stressful technical job that allowed him to run with friends at noon. Julia's grandson, Alexander, is 2 and lives about an hour away. She has been on the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council for 30 years and enjoys playing bridge.

I want to thank everyone who responded to the postcard and submitted additional information about classmates: great networking!

1959

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Lucas is 2½, definitely a busy little boy, and knows all his colors and shapes. Is his grandmother-teacher proud or what?

Irene Piscopo Rodgers loves working part time. She said **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** had a long surgery to remove an intestinal blockage and was hospitalized for several weeks. In February, the sad news came that Marianne had died. **Patricia Gray Proulx** had been in contact with her, too. Irene also reported that Robin, the wife of **Katherine Rowe Hayes'** son, Tom, passed away suddenly in August due to an unknown cause. Kay was helping with twins Matt and John.

Julia Coates Littlefield's grandson, John Henry, is a freshman at U.Va. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** sent an invitation to her Halloween party in Boynton Beach, Fla. She and Jim traveled to Toronto and Ontario and visited many popular tourist places. **Nancy Gwaltney Gillette** and Bill moved from Maryland to the outskirts of Fredericksburg, where she's close to family and friends. They have three grandsons in college at the University of South Carolina, Belmont University in Tennessee, and Le Moyne in New York.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks has a powered wheelchair and spends time chipping paint from her doors and walls but says that John and the dog are safe. In June, son Jon Karl and family gave her a plane ticket to spend several days with them in Springfield, Ill., to celebrate her 75th birthday. John continues to work, and they spend weekends roaming the mountains and antiquing. Jane heard from **Sue Horan**, who lost her sister in 2009 but is well and active in her community. **Mary Stump Harrell** lives somewhat close to Jane, and they phone frequently. Mary is well, and she and Ray are doting grandparents to her daughter's two children. **JoNeal Hendricks Scully** was rebuilding her house after an April fire. **Molly Bradshaw Clark** lost her husband, Jade, in September. Jane and Molly are ready for our 55th!

Mary Fredman Downing and Glenn endowed a bench at UMW for our class. What a wonderfully generous gift! Several alumni were there for the November dedication, including **Emily Babb Carpenter** and Tom, **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and Dale, **Edith Sheppard Ott** and Matt, **Kay Rowe Hayes**, **Marcia Spence Harrison**, **Marcia Phipps Ireland**, **Cecelia Bergen Robbins**, and yours truly. It was a delightful occasion with great company and good food. Dodie continues to enjoy portrait painting. Edie is a master gardener whose garden is included in the Richmond Ginter Park tour, and Emily has a florist business, you can see her work at Maymont.

1960

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Hello, dear Class of 1960. We hope you had a great holiday season, survived the winter, and are looking forward to summer. We have lots of news to share; a few of our ladies reported for the first time. Jody contacted many of our East Coast classmates, whom we were worried about because of the unusual weather last summer and fall, and most were fine.

The results of my (Jody's) hospital stay last fall were negative, and I send thanks to all who sent good wishes and support. Everything is back to normal and I'm running on all cylinders again. After putting off getting another pet for decades, I acquired a miniature schnauzer rescue dog, and my lifestyle and budget are undergoing massive reinvention. I attended three genealogy conferences this fall and find myself sneaking up on the confidence needed to go pro. New career? At 72? I met a mature younger woman at one genealogy conference who waxed eloquent about her father who was, in her words, "an elderly Vietnam vet." I nearly choked on the "elderly" part but kept smiling. My eldest granddaughter started college this year, which made me look at the calendar and count the years, but elderly? We aren't there yet. The Class of 60 still rocks (no rocking chair retorts, please)!

Darrell and I (Karen) survived our eight days of round dancing in New Mexico, but it took us a week to recover. Our bodies are telling us that, from now on, we can do the Albuquerque weekend but not the five additional days in Red River. We've been going to both for 12 years, and it's a bittersweet decision, but we know it's the right one. In August, we decided to "run away" from senior summer camp, loaded the little camper on the truck, and headed to the north rim of the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Craters of the Moon, and Colorado National Monument to see what it would be like to visit without kids and grandkids in tow. We camped in primitive campgrounds and enjoyed the scenery. This past winter, we danced our shoes off in Mesa, Ariz., and, for the first time in two years, I had no back pain. We hoped to be there in March when our two new great-grandchildren turned 1. They keep their mother and two aunts (our three granddaughters) and grandmother (our daughter) very busy. We look forward to traveling to Florida in May for the graduations of our son's older daughter, who is to receive an associate's degree, and his second daughter, who is to graduate from high school and possibly attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Cyd Day Getchell '60 is raising and training a German shepherd that recently earned Canine Good Citizen and Herding Instinct certifications.

While **Nancy Diess** was on Caribbean vacation, a neighbor blacked out from heat exhaustion, smashed his car into their garage, and demolished the door and the rear bumpers of both their cars! The neighbor spent three days in the hospital but was fine. It took two months to get the cars and garage fixed, then Hurricane Irene uprooted two large trees, which thankfully missed their house. The earthquake hit while Nancy was at work on the seventh – top – floor of the National Gallery of Art, but an inspection revealed no damage.

Jayne Linton Ely of Nashville, who only attended Mary Washington for two years and remembers few of the girls, matches names with yearbook photos when she receives our monthly newflashes. She said it's interesting to read what women her age are doing and has realized what an active group we are as we push into our 70s. Jayne has belonged to a tennis-lunch bunch-bridge sisterhood for 20 years, and the members spend a week together at Hilton Head Island, S.C., each year. Jayne is in constant communication with her son and daughter, who live in Houston and Denver, but these ladies and their husbands have become her local family, even vacationing together in Europe. She stays in touch with **Barbara Ashburn Rodriquez '61** through Betty Lewis but lost track of her freshman roommate, **Sharon Rogers**, who transferred to Katharine Gibbs in New York.

Katie Quintus Stanton of Purcellville, Va., is retired. Husband Chick died in 2007, but daughter Kasey lives just six miles away in Bluemont, and Katie sees her and her two children often. Sadly, **Patricia Whittaker Hanscom** and **Willie Burton Calhoun** left us last fall.

Page Shafer Frischkorn and Jim, who live on the Chesapeake, weathered the big storm without major repercussions. Page hoped to see **Jan Rutan Wright** and **Joyce Neil Krost** at her 55th high school reunion in October. Afterward, Page, a veteran traveler, was to join a small group of close girlfriends,

who have traveled together throughout the U.S. and beyond for 25 years, at Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds, where they rented a cottage. **Cyd Day Getchell** is raising and training a German shepherd that recently earned Canine Good Citizen and Herding Instinct certifications. Cyd chatted recently with college chums **Syd Chichester** and **Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt**.

Jane Denslow McCrohan remains bicoastal, due to the continuing state of the housing market, and spent the summer in Kingston, Wash., rather than



Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., due to high airline ticket prices. Their New Jersey beachfront property weathered the storms well, and Jane said she has a deal for anyone who'd like to own 50 feet on the Atlantic Ocean close to NYC and Philadelphia. On the other hand, she said, she has an entirely different deal in mind for anyone who'd like to visit the Northwest and bunk for free in the guestroom of their new home with spectacular views of Puget Sound.

Jean Eubanks Holland of Rockville, Md., was bedridden all summer with a twisted pelvis from a fall. During the earthquake, **Sarah Forsyth Donnelly** of Esmont, Va., thought a helicopter was trying to land on the house, since it was noisy and the house shook. Irene took out their power for several hours but they had no damage and not much rain. Sarah is a genealogy nut, and her family has been diligent in keeping records, except for the French Canadians who immigrated to Louisiana. (Jody, Cyd, and **Kay Neese Smith** are into genealogy, too.) Sarah's four grandchildren (and some of their parents) visited during the summer and had a wonderful time, except when the AC went out overnight.

Sandy Poole of Maryland's Eastern Shore survived the hurricane with less damage than an ordinary nor'easter would cause. Sandy leads a prayer group at a nursing home and hopes to start groups in all four area nursing homes. She planned a short trip to Poland in October with a friend who lives in Sweden. **Betty Ditmars Prosser** of New York fared well during Hurricane Irene, which struck farther west, but the summer weather was erratic – hot and humid one moment, and cool and fall-like the next. She said she'd take long cold winters anytime over tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, floods, and hurricanes!

Molly Watson Womble of Clearwater, Fla., has been a widow for seven years, still lives in her house, and feels lucky that no hurricanes have touched them. Molly is a quilter, volunteers at church, does needlepoint, and gardens when it's not too hot. Her oldest daughter lives in North Carolina, has two boys in college, and is an elementary school

teacher. Molly is thankful that her youngest daughter, who has a 16-year old and a 2-year old and teaches in a private school, lives nearby. Molly has talked to suitemates **Nancy McGinnis Barto** and **Shelby Davis Porter** and said it doesn't seem possible that more than 50 years have passed.

Gail Picard Bonifay suffered through one of the worst Oklahoma summers ever but escaped the heat for 10 August days by taking their sons and families on an Alaskan cruise. They got together again in San Diego to celebrate son Brett's retirement from the Navy. **Barbara Wageneck Gardner** of Texas has been in the same house for 32 years. Her daughter, who moved back from New England, is close to her, and her son is in San Antonio. Being a widow has been challenging, and she travels a lot less now but still volunteers at the hospital and is in two Bible study groups. **Syd Collson Chichester** had cataract surgery, one eye at a time. She was terrified the first time, but the second one wasn't even as bad as being in the dentist's chair. Syd had news from **Patty Morgan Connelly**, who visited **Jane Choate Lorentz** on Cape Cod. Jane had hip surgery but, apparently, is doing well. Syd also talked with **Travey Moncure Evans**, who sounded good, with her usual upbeat, infectious laughter, and loves living in New York City, going to plays, and having everything she needs within a block or so. Syd said Travey, though born in Fredericksburg, has become a true New Yorker.

Mona Allen Spilo moved from Armonk, N.Y., to Stonington, Conn., in September. **Sue Smith Goodrick** of North Carolina had to clean up tree limbs and debris and was without power for a couple of days after Hurricane Irene, but a home generator filled the gap. She took a European river barge cruise late last summer and enjoyed the city stops, good food and wine, company, and adventures. **Susan Archer Hinzman** was checking on their place on the coast in Morehead City, N.C., but hadn't heard back. **Liz Hill Heaney** and **Tucker Freeman Viccellio**, also in North Carolina, were too far inland to experience anything more than rain.

Keep those cards, letters, emails, and phone calls coming, ladies. Jody and I love hearing from you – and so do your classmates. Please let us know if you want to be on our email list so we can keep you updated every month.

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From Connie: **Mary Hatcher, Elizabeth Stewart Grenzebach, June Walton Lederle**, and I had lunch in Wilmington, N.C., in August and have been trying to find another date to get together. Mary and I had lunch in October. She and significant other Bill travel a lot to places like Williamsburg and San Francisco using their timeshares. When she's in Virginia, she sees **Betsey-Ellen Hueston Hansen**, who lives in Stafford County.

Andy and I escaped the heat, and Hurricane Irene, by spending a couple of weeks in the Pacific Northwest, visiting Seattle; Olympic Peninsula; Victoria, British Columbia; and the San Juan Islands. We got together in October with **Lynne Williams Neave** in NYC; **Barbie Upson Welch** in Wilmington, Del.; and **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and **Bitsy Glasscock Duperior** in Washington, D.C. Barbie was continuing flying lessons for the instrumental part of her pilot's license. Husband Chuck had just had back surgery, relieving long-standing pain. While in Washington, I went to the centennial celebration of my elementary school and who should I meet but **Kathleen Amouri Sheridan**, who was in our Mary Washington class freshman year. Kathy teaches yoga in Bethesda, Md., and has two daughters in Delaware. Small world ... love these reunions! I ran into **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** in September at the Falls Church funeral home where Clarence and I had gone to pay respects to a friend who had lost her husband and who is neighbors with Eleanore. We just never know where we might connect with classmates.

Hilda Corker Kelly of Ashland was sorry not to have been able to attend the big reunion. She had planned to come but her husband, James "Buddy" Kelly, passed away on March 10, 2011, and she just wasn't up for it. Hilda roomed with **Eleanor Knight** and **Judy Givens** in Cornell freshman year but left after her second year to marry Buddy. She completed her undergraduate and graduate work at VCU and retired as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Hanover County Public Schools. She taught for 16 years at Randolph-Macon College, and she taught graduate and undergraduate courses as an adjunct professor at VCU. When she retired, she was offered a part-time job with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits public and nonpublic schools and school districts. Since Hilda joined the company, they have unified with several other accrediting groups and are now known as AdvancED. Hilda is director for Virginia, works with educators across the state and in other states and countries, and enjoys the flexibility the position affords her. She and Buddy have two children, Cheryl, an educator, and Greg, whose field is economic development. Their grandchildren, Amanda, Trent, Greer, and Parker, were preparing to enter college or begin graduate work. Hilda volunteers in her daughter-in-law's classroom, reads, golfs, cooks, and spends time with family. She and Buddy enjoyed traveling and took trips across the U.S. and in Europe. She made wonderful friends at Mary Washington, has stayed in touch with **Judy Givens Smith** and **Sue Olinger Shaw**, and has met **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** in Williamsburg a couple of times.

Eleanor Knight Jensen and Cliff completed their first transatlantic crossing on the *Queen Mary 2* in August and were in Canterbury in the United Kingdom before starting a 27-day cruise back to New York on the *Seabourn Sojourn* via the North Atlantic, including Iceland and Greenland. **Mary Kay Garnett Montgomery**, who only attended Mary Washington for two years, said it is fun to read about classmates in the alumni magazine. She is retired

in Bluffton, S.C., and noticed that one of her freshman roommates at Trench Hill, **Sandra Williamson**, lives in Columbia.

Ellen "Grum" Grumbly de Gail moved to Wisconsin from Georgia in July to be closer to family. Before leaving Georgia, she visited her younger son in Maryland and had lunch with **Joan Gibson Lippold** and **Nancy Wright** in Annapolis. She is sorry to have missed the reunion in June but was in the throes of moving, so Nancy and Joan brought her up to date. Ellen enjoys life in Wisconsin and has spent lots of time with her oldest son's family. Her Maryland son was to relocate to Chicago, putting them all in the same area for the first time in more than 25 years. She was looking forward to getting back to her newest undertaking, the genealogy of her Irish grandparents' families. Since starting in 2005, she has made three trips to Ireland to gather information and meet cousins who live there, and she plans to return soon for fun.

Gene England Simons, Anne Jenkins Bird, and Kitty Davis Wade, who all grew up in Ashland, Va., had a wonderful time at the 50th reunion, as did their husbands. Gene said she's grateful for all that Mary Washington did for her and that it was fun to see the campus and classmates. Gene and husband Harrison T. Simons, who celebrated their 25th anniversary in August, attended a recent gathering of UMW alumni in Durham, N.C., with President Hurley, wife Rose, and others. Sadly, Harrison died in late August at their cottage in Westmoreland, Va., near Coles Point, after suffering a massive heart attack. They had been joined at the cottage by Anne Bird and Harry and were there for a two-week vacation, when Hurricane Irene caused them to lose power and stay with friends for several days. Harrison died the night they returned. Gene had no warning and was shocked. After two years at Mary Washington, she was 18 when she married Harrison and went to Gambier, Ohio, where he entered divinity school at Bexley Hall, graduating as an Episcopal priest, and she worked as an assistant to the card cataloger in the library at Kenyon College. Son George Edward Simons

and wife Georgia have three children. Daughter Deanna Simons Hollis of Birmingham, Ala., has six children; the oldest, Grace Ann, is a junior at Auburn. Gene closed her studio in 1998, after 20 years teaching ballet, tap, point, jazz, and ballroom dancing. She now teaches line dancing at the Granville County Senior Center and music and movement at Granville Health System's adult day center. She has her own sewing business called "Sew What? by Gene" and makes window treatments and items for the elderly, such as walker bags. She was staying at the same address in Oxford, would love to hear from classmates, and asks that we keep their family in our prayers as they adjust to Harrison's death.

Cynthia Scott Morcott, Gene's Mary Washington roommate and a bridesmaid in her wedding, was saddened

Renee Levinson Laurents '61 and Carolyn Crum Pannu '61 were dining in Culver City, Calif., after seeing a theater performance by Gilles Marini – *Luc of Brothers and Sisters*. After they spotted the star, he made his way to their table and kissed them both on the cheek.

by Harrison's death. They had horrible weather this summer in Scotland at Cynthia's home in Dornoch, on the coast of the North Sea. She and her husband sold their place in Hilton Head, S.C., and live in Hobe Sound, between Jupiter and Stuart, Fla. Two poets with UMW connections read at the Library of Congress National Book Festival in September on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Claudia Emerson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and UMW English professor, was featured Saturday, and the prolific **Kelly Cherry**, the current Virginia Poet Laureate, was featured Sunday. We enjoyed hearing them read at the reunion.

Bev Carlson Shea's 9-year-old grandson, Eric, stayed with them this summer while his mother, Heather, and her husband relocated to California, and Bev was delighted to

have lost 5 pounds while he was there! The freak October snowstorm left them without power for six days in Bethlehem, Pa., which got 7 inches with leaves still on trees. It was no fun to be without Internet, TV, microwave, heat, and hot water, and even Jim was cold, but he kept taking cold showers and insisting that the water was warmer than the house. **Clara Sue Durden Ashley's** husband, Clarence, was pleased to connect with Dr. George Van Sant at our reunion in June. The two exchanged books they'd written and have since read them and exchanged letters.

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxe enjoyed our 50th reunion and a couple other mini-reunions. Douglas and **Diane Doran Cairns** were in Washington for an October meeting, and Bitsy and George met them for dinner. A couple

weeks later, Andy and Connie Booth Logothetis were in Washington and Bitsy and George visited them and Clara Sue and Clarence, who gave them a

tour of the Library of Congress and Great Falls Park, Va., near where they live. September found George and Bitsy in Greece for 15 days, visiting Athens museums and spending time on a private yacht in the islands, enjoying blue skies, clear seas, and Greece's archaeological wonders. Late October brought the season's first two operas at the Met in NYC, which happened to be during the weekend of the amazing storm, and they maneuvered through New York in the wind and snow that brought down more than 1,000 trees in Central Park. Bitsy planned a November trip to Norfolk to hear her only grandchild, Alice, 6, sing in her first performance with the Virginia Children's Chorus. **Janie Riles** and husband Jim Dietz took a 30-day October cruise in the South Pacific, had a sea dive in Bora Bora, and visited the island of Nuku Hiva in French Polynesia. Janie

hosted a November art show featuring her students' art at her San Diego home.

Here's some older news that I forgot to report. **Mary LeBlanc Ingle** lives in San Diego, her husband is a '58 graduate of the Naval Academy, and they have a son and daughter. She keeps in touch with **Nancy Kelly Bliss, Meta Degenhardt, Ann Bodie Sweeney, Judy Finn Wiezbicki, and Gail Rilling Stockton**, who lives in Tarrytown, N.Y. Mary sent greetings to all and was sorry to miss the reunion.

From Renee: I had a lovely August visit from **Carolyn Crum Pannu**. We saw a play at the Kirk Douglas Theatre with Gilles Marini of *Brothers and Sisters* and *Dancing with the Stars*. Afterward, we went to my favorite French restaurant in Culver City, Calif., and guess who showed up ... Gilles Marini! I know the restaurant's owner, so somehow Gilles found his way to our table, kissed us on the cheek, and couldn't have been warmer. My precious "faux grandson" turned 3 in November and loved his Spiderman action figure I ("Nee Nee") gave him. The day before Carolyn arrived, I banged my left ankle into an iron patio chair. Worse, I did it again! An X-ray and MRI showed that I needed surgery to repair a torn tendon. Not to be outdone, my tennis elbow started acting up again, and I started physical therapy to try to avoid surgery. I planned a March cruise to the Panama Canal with **Syd Collson Chichester '60**.

Since our reunion, **Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer** and husband Hank have been to Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, and Russia, and they've driven their Earth-conscious Prius to Houston and Nashville. Pepper has taken up crocheting, meets with a group at the library, crocheted a wool scarf for Hank's daily walks, and was working on a posy scarf for herself. She has played piano for 26 years for her Special People Ministry; continues to work in her church with Special Ministries, which will present a spring concert with singing and choreography; and drives a blind member to voice lessons. Pepper was to have played Mrs. Dilber and Hank was to have played Old Joe in their community theater's *A Christmas Carol*.



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Judy LaRoe Hare hoped to have news to share after the holidays. **Becky Paris Spetz** and Wayne enjoyed a hot, dry summer and traveled to Tuscany, where they met beautiful people and enjoyed the sights, food, and wine. We were sorry to learn from **Marcia Minton Keech** that Bill, who did a fine job of making CDs of the reunion, has been diagnosed again with cancer, this time of the bladder. They are learning to be thankful for each day. **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** planned to take a three-week November trip to China with a recently widowed friend and be home in time for Thanksgiving. They planned to stay in Ritz-Carltons and the like, and Peggy, who has lost a good bit of weight, was struggling to assemble her travel wardrobe.

Keep well, everyone. I think it would be a great idea if more of you responded to my request for news next time!

From **Lynne**: Sandy and I were fortunate to be able to attend President Hurley's inauguration at UMW in October; it was magnificent, and I was delighted to spend time with Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**, as well as Stuart and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**. We wandered around downtown Fredericksburg and went into a shop owned by a UMW graduate,

where we met a lady from San Antonio. It turns out that **Candes Parker Chumney** had been her Sunday school teacher. Pat still has his architecture practice, and Candes is his bookkeeper. Her primary job, however, is tending to her grandchildren (three boys and one girl, Lulu, who is in kindergarten). Candes is in touch with **Aggie Welsh Eyster** and **Bitsy Glasscock Duperior**, who still enjoys her opera music. **Connie Booth Logothetis** and Andy were in New York in October, and I enjoyed visiting Governors Island with them to see where Connie lived in the late '50s. It was a treat to hear her memories of each room and see the sparkle in her eyes. Sandy joined us for dinner at the University Club. I spent a weekend at my little Boca Grande, Fla., condo with **Patty Cairns Hourin** and our high school friend, Marcie Moore.

Judy Saunders Slifer's husband, Robert, passed away in October from myelodysplasia, a cancerous blood disorder. Once again, her twin sister, **Eleanor Saunders Sunderland**, gave her wonderful support. **Becky Turner Perdue** lost her husband, Wayne, in September due to cardiopulmonary arrest. He had heart problems and diabetes for years, and when they attended our reunion, he wasn't strong enough to come to all the functions. Lloyd

Tilton Backstrom learned a lot about Becky when they attended a Richmond UMW event together. Wayne had two sons, and Becky is an adoring grandmother. One grandson is a UMW graduate and about 25. The other is at Longwood. As a lab technician at MCV, Becky oversaw a number of labs and was put in charge of a lab that oversaw terrorism. She retired when she got breast cancer.

Kay Slaughter is a great-grandmother. Grandson Ian and wife Samantha McNett had a baby boy, Ian IV, in October. Step-granddaughter Brittany and husband Marc also have a 1-year-old son, MJ. Marc was serving in the Army in Afghanistan and Ian was stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Kay plans to start teaching three environmental law courses in September with U.Va.'s Semester at Sea Program, with stops all around Europe, Africa, and South America. In October, Kay saw **Suzanne Stafford**, who has lived in San Francisco most of her life but now lives in Bethesda, Md., and is being treated for cancer. Kay has details on how best to reach Suzanne.

Pat Scott Peck stopped in Hastings-on-Hudson in New York in October before flying to London to visit a friend from Calais, Maine, whose granddaughter was in London for the fall semester at Smith. Before leaving, Pat emailed **Bobbie Brookes Nation** in London, whom she had not heard from since 1961! Bobbie invited Pat to her flat and to lunch in Chelsea. Bobbie had worked at the United Nations in NYC, where she met her husband. They lived in Paris for a couple of years and have been in London ever since. She has two married daughters (one to a duke!) and three grandchildren, with another on the way. Bobbie ran an interior design business in London for 26 years and is now immersed in the cultural scene. Her mother, who is in her 90s, and her sister live in Virginia and she visits as often as possible. Pat told her what a grand time the reunion was, and she regretted not being able to attend.

Jean Ryan Farrell and Frank planned to be in China for three weeks in May with Overseas Adventure Travel, their favorite tour company. They continue to ski, dive, and,

obviously, enjoy good health!

Judy Youngman Wigton sent a message about our reunion: "I'm greatly indebted to **Carole Grant Lemay** for encouraging me to attend what turned out to be one of the very best weekends of my life. It was wonderful to be back with our amazing, fun, bright, kind, and impressive class. I'm especially grateful to **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** for taking me in and bringing me up to date. The campus was stunning, the old sensitively kept and restored, with the new fitting in beautifully. I'm urging anyone who hasn't attended a reunion to not miss the next one. It was good to be reminded of how very fortunate we were to have attended Mary Washington."

Polly Updegraff Champ dressed the girls' ensemble for the national tour of *Wicked* in August and September then was busy the next two months repairing storm damage on their properties. Irene hit their cottage on the Connecticut River in Haddam, and there was a second flood in the aftermath. Winter Storm Alfred dumped nearly a foot of snow on their home in Cromwell, pulled down trees, and caused lengthy power outages. (I can relate to Polly's frustration, as Litchfield received almost 2 feet of snow, and some of our friends were without power for more than a week.) Sadly, Polly's sister-in-law lost her husband unexpectedly from a fungal infection, which delayed their planned departure for Florida until mid-November.

1962 *Reunion Weekend*
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Greetings, Class of 1962! This year holds an exciting and monumental reunion for our class – our 50th. I've been asked to share information for the reunion, scheduled for June 1-3.

The Alumni Association is in charge of all reunions, but seven classmates represent us on the 50th reunion committee: **Bettie Stewart Kienast**, **Emily Lewis**, **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor**, **Margaret Walker MacAllister**, **Jane Walshe McCracken**, **Nancy Powell Sykes**, and **Marsha Lynn**

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Wilkins. They began planning last August and have selected the Quality Inn (formerly the Hampton Inn) near Central Park as our class hotel. By now, you should have received information about schedules, locations, and events. Please consider attending this once-in-a-lifetime event.

This is one of the last columns I'll write, as we'll elect a new class agent at the June meeting. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your class agent and reporter and will miss the newsy emails, friendly notes, and delightful phone calls. Thank you for your cooperation. Until June – Pat.

1963

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I tried to get together with all the Northern Virginia alumnae to exchange information for this column, but schedules were too full so I'll try again in the new year! I was looking forward to a mid-November garden tour of Argentina and Uruguay, where we lived for two years in the late '80s. My husband, Jonathan, and I planned to spend Thanksgiving with my son, Derek, and wife Christine in Columbus, Ohio.

Carolyn Decamps

Dunaway retired as supervisor of technical services at Chesterfield County Public Library in 2005 and decided to indulge her avocational interest in archaeology. After several trips with the Crow Canyon Archaeology Center in Cortez, Colo., she became interested in Biblical archaeology. For the past three years, she participated in excavations in Jordan and Israel and planned to return to Jordan this past January for her third time at Tall el-Hammam, an immense mound about nine miles northeast of the Dead Sea that is the most likely candidate to be the ancient site of Sodom. Carolyn is pursuing a master's degree in biblical archaeology at Trinity Southwest University, sponsor of the Jordan dig. She also is active in her church and community Bible study and enjoys spending time with friends and her two step-daughters.

Janice Powers Stoodley retired as a vice principal in Fairfax County and recently biked with her daughter in India. Her husband is also a bicyclist. **Lola Koller Sarsfield** retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs and has four

After doing excavations in Jordan and Israel, **Carolyn Decamps Dunaway '63** planned to return to an immense mound northeast of the Dead Sea that many believe is the site of the ancient city of Sodom.

grown children, three of whom live in the Northern Virginia area and one of whom is a Mary Washington graduate. She also has 11 grandchildren. Lola saw **Nancy Pida Remmers** of Florida last summer and frequently sees **Annie Rowe**. **Stella Tsourounis** of Alexandria, Va., retired after teaching 30 years in Maryland, loves traveling in Europe and the U.S., and planned to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas in Connecticut.

Apologies to all for such a short column this time. To those in Northern Virginia: Please email or phone me about a time for us to get together this year.

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As always, you'll receive our class news many months after sending it! You'll read this in the spring, with the winter long gone. Our classmates wear many hats, have had many life changes, and have worked – and are still working – at nurturing families, holding down jobs, doing volunteer work, and maintaining busy minds. As your class agent, I find your letters and news interesting and inspiring. What a group we are!

Our deep sympathy goes to **Betty Jennings Peterson**, whose husband, Melbert, died this summer in Berlin, Germany, with Betty and his Swedish cousins at his side. He and Betty had attended a Kiwanis convention in Geneva, Switzerland, before traveling to Germany.

Janet Bagg Glancy, widowed since 2009, has devoted much time to teaching Advanced Placement English and coordinating the Advanced Placement Laureate Program at her school. In 2010, Janet spent time in Egypt, where two of her former students were working with Dr. Zahi Hawass of the Supreme Council of Antiquities. She and her friends traveled the Nile, from the Sudan to the Mediterranean, just before the spring 2011

political eruptions in Egypt. She also traveled to Spain, Portugal, the Loire Valley in France, and Cornwall, England. This year, her work at school includes implementing the University of Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education program in Naples, Fla. Janet said staying busy makes life a bit easier for those of us who are alone.

Ilona Dulaski Williams, who has worked in acting since graduation, also does narration and commercials. Last summer she played Clelia in *The Nerd* and Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias* at Wayside Theatre in Middleburg, Va., and she was to play Violet in *August: Osage County* at Barksdale Theatre in Richmond from January to March. She also has a group called The Cantati Ensemble, which specializes in opera, and sings at retirement homes in the Washington-Baltimore-Virginia area.

In October in Maryland, **Ruth Pharr Sayer** visited **Margaret Goode Watkins**, who was considering moving closer to her son and his family in Fairfax, Va. **Jane Showker Capeheart** and her husband visited Margaret, who also had a mini-reunion in Charlottesville with **Betsy Johnson** and **Gloria Custer Meyers**, a member of our class until the end of sophomore year. Margaret wrote that Ruth's darling new grandson, Richard Grant Watkins, was born in June.

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After being your class agent for six years or so, I finally have figured out to ask you to format your information. When you send something, I request that you put your whole name and email address on the first line, so I don't have to search or edit when I send everyone the news as it comes. If you're not getting regular news from me, it's because I no longer have your email address. Many of you have retired and not given me your current contact information.

Life is good in Atlanta, but I visit my children and grandchildren in California every four to six weeks. **Sue Wooldridge Rosser**, who recently visited me in Atlanta, had just returned from a visit with **Carolyn Shockey Moore** and **Linda Cline Holden**. They all are doing well and enjoy traveling and horse races. **Joyce Gallagher Martin**, whose son, Jonathan, was deployed to Afghanistan, keeps busy visiting her five children and 10 grandchildren. She visited her eldest son and family in San Diego in the fall then traveled to Yellowstone and Lake Tahoe. Husband Charles passed away in 2008. Joyce is an avid gardener, a garden club officer, and a floral designer. She gets together with **Betsy Hudgins** weekly. **Carolyn Davis Lakin Davis** got her name and address back when she met and married John Davis of Port Royal in 1983. They combined their two families and raised five children while working full time. She taught elementary school and retired as principal of Bowling Green Elementary in 1998. She lives close to Fredericksburg and family, with her 89-year-old mother nearby. She stays busy with mission work, traveling to the Dominican Republic; her church; the Caroline County Historical Society and Historic Port Royal; the board of the Caroline Library; and six grandchildren younger than 6. At her high school reunion, she saw **Jane Burruss Hartz** of Arkansas.

Harriet McGavock Vincent wants to write a memoir to let her grandchildren know what she's done in her life. After Mary Washington, she taught life

science in Virginia Beach for a year, then taught for two years in Kobe, Japan, as a Volunteer for Mission with the Episcopal Church. She lived in an ordinary Japanese neighborhood, sleeping on the tatami floor, going to the public bath, shopping at the local market, and improving her Japanese language skills out of necessity. She took the long way home, traveling through Asia, Africa, and Europe for more than four months and staying in various places in Taiwan, Tanzania, and England. Her excursions took her to Thailand, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Kenya, Greece, Italy, Austria, and Germany. She swore she'd never again be able to live in the South, but she met Tom, married, and has lived in Richmond ever since. Tom's Parkinson's disease has progressed for 12 years, and Harriet's travels are now limited. Their son, Rick, lives in Boulder, Colo., with his wife and their daughter and son. Their daughter, Lisa Page, lives in the Richmond area with her husband and their three little boys. Harriet taught chemistry and biology for 35 years, including 29 years at St. Catherine's School, where she retired in 2008.

Bobby Barrett Crisp's sixth grandson, Andre Jordan Crisp Phan, was born in September in sunny San Diego. They were there for the birth and expected their seventh grandson on 11/11/11 in Charlottesville. **Carol Hamblet Adams**, who enjoys her new life in Boston, took acting classes and was in two Blue Cross/Blue Shield television commercials. She still loves her home on Cape Cod and the peace of the ocean. She still writes, and her first children's book came out last year. Her three children are happily married and have given her four grandsons. **Helen Hutton Smith** spent much of last summer on a Mediterranean cruise with church friends. Husband John had a 50th high school reunion in Villa Rica, Ga., in June. They went with **Joan Peatross** to a 50th reunion at Lane High School in Charlottesville in August. Helen attended Lane but moved to Fairfax her junior year. She and **Donna Gates Mason** had their 50th reunion at Fairfax High School in September. Helen's oldest daughter, Debby, lives with husband Joe in Ellicott City, Md., and home-schools her children,

Olsen Still Disc-Struck Attorney

Eric Olsen '82 was no athlete, but the guys doing Frisbee tricks in Ball Circle looked like they were having a fabulous time.

So the Fredericksburg native, who'd been picked last for every sport while growing up, walked out of Madison Hall in the fall of 1978 and joined the party.

"I saw these guys making incredible Frisbee throws, and it was very impressive," he said. "Then you start throwing, and it's such a fun thing to do."

Olsen, 51, hasn't set down his disc since. Even as the freshly elected Stafford County commonwealth's attorney, he organized April's 36th annual Virginia State Frisbee Tournament in Fredericksburg.

The tournament started on the Mary Washington campus while Olsen was still a James Monroe High School student. Today it's grown into the nation's largest, attracting more than 150 Frisbee players from around the country to compete at Pratt Park in events that range from accuracy and distance tests to more acrobatic and freestyle performances.

Olsen insists he was never a top competitor, but playing Frisbee was a huge part of his social life in college and remained a great outlet even after he left campus.

After graduating from Mary Washington with a bachelor's degree in sociology, Olsen earned a law degree at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Alabama. He returned to Fredericksburg to open a private practice.

In 1989, he accepted an assistant commonwealth's attorney position in Stafford County. He tried more than 250 jury cases throughout the next 22 years in that office before being elected to the top post this fall, replacing Commonwealth's Attorney Dan Chichester, who retired after 40 years.

A father of three, Olsen, has been a staunch advocate for child abuse victims. Through the National District Attorneys Association, he has trained prosecutors around the country in that area, as well, Chichester said. Olsen was also the first assistant prosecutor in the NDAA's history to be elected to its board of directors.

"I don't know that I ever had an assistant bring the passion into a courtroom that he does," said Chichester. "He's a man of great passion, great fairness and toughness, and that makes a great prosecutor."

He also has a great passion for Frisbee, said Chichester, who never embraced the sport himself.

"Every year, he has this silly Frisbee tournament, throwing a damn disc. I never could throw the damn thing myself," said Chichester, laughing. "To each his own, I guess."

This year marked the 28th time Olsen organized the state tournament. He first did it as a college senior while president of Mary Washington's Frisbee club. When he returned from law school, the club handed off the responsibility to him, and he has kept it ever since.

He still enjoys competing, but the best part is reconnecting with old friends and meeting fresh Frisbee enthusiasts, Olsen said.

"It's such a blast," he said of the tournament. "Frisbee people are the nicest people you'll ever meet."



Stafford County Commonwealth's Attorney Eric Olsen '82 has tried hundreds of cases, but this prosecutor also has a flip side. Olsen, who organizes the Virginia State Frisbee Tournament, discovered his passion for tossing a disc when he was a freshman studying sociology at Mary Washington.



Tommy, 17; John, 16; Katie, 12; and Mark, 10. Helen's youngest daughter, Elizabeth, works for the government and lives in Fairfax. Helen taught English for 26 years at Fairfax High School, where she continues to substitute.

Louise Stevens Robbins retired in May from the University of Wisconsin-Madison but continues to help raise funds for a library-community center for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and, with colleagues, to help launch the school of social sciences and humanities at a new university in Astana, Kazakhstan. She now spends lots more time with her grandchildren and hustles to keep up with her big garden. **Martha Firebaugh Hurst** has been married to Gene for 46 years and has three children and nine grandchildren. When they celebrated their youngest's second birthday in March in Northern Virginia, Gene ended up in ICU in septic shock from group B strep. The infection was in his blood, heart, back, knee, and feet. After three months of hospitalization, seven surgeries, and therapy, they were able to return home. After 13 years of small-town living, **Linda Patterson Hamilton** and Austin moved from Kansas to Denver to help son, Jeff, whose wife, Rachel, died in August after a difficult battle with cancer, with his two little daughters.

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After **Barbara Bishop Mann** and husband Robert took a well-deserved, two-week July vacation to Maine and Canada, Bobbi fell ill and was diagnosed with a rare, though curable, form of leukemia. She is now in remission and able to resume her normal routine, but she and Robert postponed an October trip to China. Bobbi and **Jana Privette Usry** attended Richard V. Hurley's presidential inauguration in September. They agree that President Hurley's description of his blue-collar, working-class family roots and his decision at age 25 to enter college are inspiring.

Linda Glynn Hutchinson,
Pat Lewars Pace, and two

other friends spent August in Eastern Europe, visiting Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Krakow, and Prague. Pat's favorite part was dipping her feet in the Baltic Sea. Linda particularly liked the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa to which many travel to see the Black Madonna icon. They enjoyed the freedom of tour-free traveling, said that four was the perfect number to share cabs and the cost of local guides, and found that beer was cheaper than water! Pat and **Clair Gollihew Cosby** sadly reported the passing of **Pattie Tuggle Miller**, who lived with her husband in Ashland, Va. Pattie and Clair belonged to the No Standards Book Club of Henrico County, and the members made a gift in Pattie's memory to the UMW library, designating it to be spent on the literature collection. Pattie was a career middle school English teacher, and Clair misses her wit, smiles, laughter, and "rock-solid support during hard times."

Susan Roth Nurin retired from teaching in Annapolis, sold her house, moved back home to New York City after 45 years in Maryland, found a fabulous apartment overlooking Central Park, and began indulging in ballet, symphony, opera, and theater. She watched a private rehearsal of *Swan Lake* with members of the New York City Ballet, conversed with the general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, attended rehearsals of the New York Philharmonic, visited the World Trade Center memorial pools, and took guided tours through Central Park. Susan traveled to Sarasota, Fla., for son Justin's October wedding to Melissa.

Yvonne March took her first trip to South America in the fall. She spent two weeks in Argentina with her brother and sister-in-law, and they visited Buenos Aires, Cordoba, and Iguazu Falls, which is reportedly more spectacular than Niagara. Relatives in Buenos Aires shared information about the family history in Cuba. Yvonne went alone to Peru to visit her sister-in-law's family in Lima and spent three days in the city's historical center admiring the ancient architecture. She flew to Cusco and caught the train to Machu Picchu. Before returning home

with Chris to Tampa, Yvonne spent a week in Miami with family and friends.

Betsy Chappellear Tryon traveled to Scotland last summer with daughter Maureen, friend Brian, and granddaughter Maddie for her cousin Amanda's wedding on the Isle of Skye. Betsy's mother was born in Renfrew, near Glasgow, and many family members still live in that area. Amanda married an Englishman, Neil Gaiman, and it turns out that he's one of Betsy's favorite authors. She'd read most of his books before she learned of her cousin's engagement. His best-known book, *Coraline*, was nominated for a Golden Globe award. Betsy and sister Kathy

Pam's watercolor paintings have been on exhibit at the Mansion at Strathmore in Bethesda, Md., for the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society show; the Ice House Gallery in Washington; and the Durant Center in Old Town Alexandria. Pam has enjoyed reconnecting with **Pam Ward Hughes**, who has been traveling on assignment for the State Department, and her fellow watercolor artist, **Carolyn Bingley "Bing" Wiley**, who regularly travels to Virginia during the winter to visit friends and family.

This summer **Susie Williams Cluff** and husband Mike visited Taos and Santa Fe, N.M.; traveled China from

Carolyn Davis Lakin Davis '65
got her name and address back
in 1983 when she met and
married John Davis of Port Royal.

Shanghai to Beijing; had their annual junket to Newport, R.I.; and visited their children's families. Daughter Kristin is in

spent a few days in Glasgow before the wedding. Attending the reception at McDonald Castle, visiting crofts that belonged to relatives long gone, and listening to the pipes played by a distant cousin are some of Betsy's cherished memories. Back home in Southern California, Betsy continues her "meet and greet" position at LAX and loves it. She represents five cruise lines, Princess, Disney, Carnival, Crystal, and Cunard.

Winnie Woodson Stribling regrets missing our 45th reunion but planned to attend her 50th high school reunion next summer in Richmond with **Eleanor McJilton Thompson**. The hand-bell choir Winnie conducts in Alamo, Calif., gave a moving Sept. 11 performance. She and husband Brad traveled in November to Kona, Hawaii, to enrich their stargazing avocation near the Keck Observatory.

Pam Kearney Patrick sent photos of herself dressed in a champagne-colored Victorian gown and her husband in a top hat, gloves, and tails. They were standing in front of a Victorian home in Cape May, N.J., where they were participating in the annual fall celebration, Victorian Week.

Kansas, and son Michael is in New Jersey. Susie planned to visit her sister this spring in Beverly Hills, Calif. Susie and Mike celebrated their 46th anniversary and were downsizing their five-bedroom home, perhaps with a move to Vinson Hall, a community for retired sea service military personnel. Mike retired this year but teaches night courses at the Naval War College in Washington, D.C. Susie enjoys antiques, which currently involves more selling than buying.

Sandra Hutchison Schanné spent a few weeks in Denver this fall welcoming her twin grandchildren, Alexis and Van Mills, and helping care for their big brother. Sandra realized how much easier it must have been for her own mother to help with grandbabies when she was 20 years younger than Sandra is now! It was challenging to drive a strange car in a strange city, learn her way around a different kitchen, and call up energy reserves she didn't think she had. Husband Richard stayed home to supervise their remodeling project, extending the kitchen to include a new dining room with a workroom-photo lab above it. Son-in-law Shawn, meanwhile, said he would build Sandra a

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deluxe mother-in-law suite if she would stay on in Denver.

Martha Roberts and husband Russ of Fredericksburg took the auto train to Key Largo, Fla., in November, but Martha promised to be back in time for our 50th reunion! **Linda Spangler Berkheimer** and husband Phil left in November for Egypt and Jordan and hoped the political unrest in the Middle East wouldn't interfere with their plans. Linda has extra copies of the DVD slide show she made for our 45th reunion if anyone would like one.

After a lifetime in Virginia, **Terry Carruthers** moved in June from Lovettsville to Mooresville, N.C., on Lake Norman near Charlotte. She and Don are retired yet continue to do part-time consulting. Don works from home doing divorce mediation via a T1 line and big screen in the basement, and Terry travels to Northern Virginia for orals coaching. Terry found a walking buddy, joined the Newcomers Club and the Golden Girls Club, and enjoys the garden, travel, dinner, wine-tasting, and bridge clubs. She and Don joined a Bible study and a boating group, and Terry volunteers at the Give-Back Consignment Shop for Christian Missions. She enrolled in a painting class, and Don auditioned to play tenor sax in the Lake Norman Big Band. Terry wonders how they find time to babysit and attend sports events with their six North Carolina grandchildren, but they do!

Carolyn Perry Grow and Dave continue to work diligently for a complete recovery from Dave's second stroke. They bought a second home in central Pennsylvania rather than endure difficult travels to and from the Charlottesville area to visit

family. They, and their cats, enjoyed the cool summer and have adjusted to the excellent medical and veterinary resources there. Carolyn and Dave are getting used to being called "halfbacks," the term for people who move from north to south and finally settle halfway back. Carolyn and Dave were joined by **Pat Thompson Greenwald** and husband Paul in their Keswick, Va., home in September. Pat and Paul, married 28 years, took assignments in Hawaii and Germany at the end of their careers, retired from their government jobs at Fort Meade, Md., and moved from Annapolis to The Villages in Florida. Pat misses Maryland and her children and stepchildren so much that they're considering buying a second home near them.

Joan Cuccias Patton, who is retired, spent a week in Newport Beach, Calif., with all her children and grandchildren for a family wedding and attended a second family wedding at a winery near Los Gatos, Calif. In October, she spent two weeks with friends following the path of the Illinois regiment during the Civil War, from Vicksburg to Natchez to Mobile. After Thanksgiving, Joan headed for New York City to see shows, tour the city, taste good food, and give Susan Roth Nurin some competition. Upon returning home, Joan planned to tutor and substitute teach, then leave in the spring for a long journey through Italy.

Kathleen Goddard Moss and husband Tom enjoyed a quiet autumn following a busy spring and summer filled with reunions, houseguests, and trips. In addition to our fantastic 45th reunion, they attended Tom's 50th reunion at Harvard and Kathy's combined 49th and 50th high school reunion. Their former exchange student from Turkey stayed four months with them, with her 3-year-old son, her mother, her husband (when his work allowed), and their newborn baby girl. Kathy and Tom's children came from Spain and California for simultaneous visits so the children and grandchildren could enjoy each other's company. Other visitors included old friends and Kathy's brother and family from Seattle. Kathy and Tom flew to Spain for

two weeks, camped in Ohio with two daughters' families, visited Tom's sister in Canada, and took their annual trip to Hilton Head, S.C., with **Eileen Goddard Albrigo** and her family.

1967 Reunion Weekend
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I continue to enjoy retirement in Lexington, S.C., with my husband of almost 45 years, Dan, as well as our three grown daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. We are active at church, volunteer at a crisis center, and enjoy our "granddogs." Our oldest granddaughter married last year, and we would love to have a great-grandchild!

Though **Sandra "Sandi" Lawhorne Green** of Great Falls, Va., retired in 2008, after a 34-year career in public education as an English teacher, she was substituting long term as a reading specialist for Ashlawn Elementary School in Arlington. Son Justin, 36, is a captain with Loudoun County's fire and rescue department, and daughter Ashley, 30, teaches second grade in Loudoun. Sandi's husband, Brian, who also taught in Loudoun, passed away in 2004. Sandi is in a book club, volunteers at Great Falls United Methodist Church, takes beading lessons, and sells

Chris Cole '69 wrote *The Elizabeth I Knew*, which ran in many newspapers. It featured her Mary Ball roommate, **Mary Beth Anania '69**, who later was known as Elizabeth Edwards.

sterling silver jewelry. She and a girlfriend from high school visited New Smyrna Beach, Fla., in October, and she frequently gets together with **Catherine Wilson** and **Donna Sinclair Seward** for lunch, dinner, or beading classes. The three of them hope to attend the reunion in June.

1968

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1969

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The Facebook page for the Class of 1969, "University of Mary Washington class of 1969 alumni," has become quite active. Log on to find updates from classmates, and feel free to post something so I will have news to report next time.

Many classmates live in the San Francisco Bay area, including **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness**, **Phyllis Newby Thompson**, **Reggie Sneed**, and **Iris Harrell**. At a September mini-reunion, Suzanne, Phyllis, and Iris had fun at dinner at Iris' country club and going through the old Mary Washington yearbooks. Iris had dinner in November with **Carole Phipps** and her partner, Paula, in Los Gatos, Calif. Iris hoped Carole would join her, Phyllis, and Suzanne to meet Lynne Richardson, the new head of UMW's College of Business, at a November dinner at Boulder Ridge Golf Club, where the Alumni Association's Donna Mejia also was to be present. Iris went to last year's Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., and spent time with friends in Klamath Falls, Ore., last September. Phyllis is looking

for **Valerie Dannehl** and **Pam Rodriguez**. Can anyone help? Iris' award-winning remodeling business is doing extensive remodeling on the California home of Phyllis, who also has a

home with her husband on the Kona Coast in Hawaii, where they go to relax.

Barbara Burt Bowman lives in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago. **Susan Taylor Bulk** of Western Wisconsin teaches swimming, skiing, and logrolling – quite a departure for a math major. **Pat Akers** of High Point, N.C., is retired and spends time on Oak Island. **Carol Johnson**



Williams lives in Alexandria but spends much of the winter in Naples, Fla. **Karen Dyer** of Richmond is single and teaches dance part time. **Ann Chatterton Klimas** of Bel Air, Md., lives close to her grandchildren and freelances online children's items. **Nancy Parker Soles** got together this summer in Vail, Colo., with her roommate, **Lou Myers Daly**, who lives there.

Cynthia Lowdermilk met **Betsy Crews Neilson** in South Boston, Va., for lunch last July, when Betsy was on her way to coastal North Carolina to visit her great aunts. **Chris Cole** of Mount Dora, Fla., lives in a cottage built over the water and said she has an alligator dwelling and growling under her bed. Chris writes for many publications, including the *Orlando Sentinel*. She wrote an article, *The Elizabeth I Knew*, about **Mary Beth Anania**, also known as Elizabeth Edwards, the late wife of John Edwards, which was picked up by many newspapers. Mary Beth was Chris' roommate in Mary Ball and transferred to UNC. She was an amazingly accomplished woman, and her death at such a young age was truly a tragedy.

Linda Gattis Shull and **Gloria Shelton Gibson** attended an August reception hosted by President Hurley and wife Rose at the Charlotte City Club in North Carolina, where they were shown the physical changes being made at Mary Washington. There should be lots for us to see at our next reunion! **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** attended the Highland Games in Charleston, S.C., in September then went to Myrtle Beach. She also attended her high school reunion then visited with **Jeanine Zavrel Fearn** and **Suzy Bender Winterble**.

I recently heard from **Christina Askounis '68**, who started with our class but graduated earlier. Christina, who teaches writing in Duke University's English department, published a novel in 1993 that was reissued in 2007, and she was working on a second book. She is married to an Episcopal priest who has a computer consulting firm and isn't currently active in parish life. Daughter Elizabeth lives in Barcelona, Spain, and works for the Council for International Educational Exchange, which

handles many American study abroad programs. Son Michael lives near Christina and her husband and has a degree in history from UNC at Chapel Hill but had been working in video production. Christina returned to Mary Washington in 1995, when she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Christina also knew **Mary Beth Anania** (Elizabeth Edwards) while at Mary Washington, has fond memories of her, and attended her funeral in December 2010. We are proud to claim Christina as a member of our class, even though she graduated a year ahead of us, and we hope she'll come to our next reunion in 2014.

Patti Boise Kemp said the newly renovated Monroe Hall, with high-tech features, is open and still has the classical exterior we all remember. The Anderson Center, a gym and convocation center, also is now open, and a hotel is set to be constructed in Eagle Village. Perhaps we can book it for our reunion in 2014. Patti attended President Hurley's inauguration, along with **Jane Jackson Woerner**, **Connie Cline Bukzin**, and **Jean Polk Hanky**, and said it was both traditional and creative. Patti also attended the inaugural ball in the new Anderson Center. She ran into **Connie Hinson** when they both volunteered at the annual Friends of the Rappahannock Riverfest.

At the end of last year, **Betty Wade Miles Perry** announced her retirement from the city manager's office in Virginia Beach, where she worked in the organizational development office and served as an internal consultant to the city. She was looking forward to taking better care of herself, spending more time with her children and grandchildren, and traveling.

Please email me or post something on Facebook so I can let everyone know what you're doing. I truly enjoy hearing from all of you.

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By the time you read this, I should be fully recovered from my November neck surgery. My cervical vertebrae are definitely disintegrating faster than other parts of my body! On a lighter

note, Ted's youngest son, Doug, got engaged last August to his longtime love, Sarah. They're both employed at Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

Gaye Gregory Elliott lives in Richmond with husband Steve, retired in March 2011 after more than 35 years with the federal government, and plans to take classes she never had time for before.

Please send me your news!

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It's been awhile since I wrote, and so much has changed for many of us. My email is the same, but Ralph and I have moved back to the U.S. We bought a home in York, Pa., which will serve us for weekends while I work and for retirement later. It was time to come home after almost nine years in probably the most fascinating job of all – director of intelligence for the international military staff of NATO. We

Mary Bradley MacPherson '71 was on her way to North Africa doing great things to promote the independence of women.

did not make it to our 40th Mary Washington reunion (I've only missed two), but **Mary Anne Burns** and her band of merry women did us proud, and I'd like to thank her again for making it great. A special thanks to everyone, as well, for the card with signatures sent to me in Belgium!

I spent most of August and September convalescing after surgery but am fine now. I wasn't able to meet with **Sally Reichner Mayor**, who was in Belgium for a hot air balloon weekend, but we had a long phone conversation and caught up on each other's lives. I tried to no avail to meet our Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, **Mary Bradley MacPherson**, at Brussels Airport when she was on her way to North Africa doing great things to promote the independence of women. **Laurie McIntosh's** Port Tobacco, Md., company,

Business Training Works Inc., does business at Fort Meade for the Asymmetric Warfare Group and takes her to Aberdeen Proving Ground; Fort Drum, New York; and even Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

My long-lost roomie, **Liz Keith** of La Jolla, Calif., gets back to the East Coast occasionally and was preparing to retire from San Diego State University, where she taught for many years. She travels to Europe a lot, but we were never able to meet there. **Barbara Exline Staller**, who was in Betty Lewis freshman year but at Mary Washington only two years before transferring to Bucknell, was on the West Coast with husband Walt for her niece's college graduation last spring and met with Liz in San Diego.

My husband, Ralph, and I had just arrived in town from Belgium, when **Mary Anne Burns**, **Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent**, **Lisa Barker**, **Lynn Trundle**, **Susan Stumpf Hebert**, **Dory Teipel**, **Frances McDonald**, and, as a surprise, **Natalee Franzysheh Spiro**, gathered in November at Chadwick's in Old Town Alexandria for food, fun, and friendship. After lunch, we headed to Ernie's townhouse to exchange photos and news.

Mary Anne is now an East Coast, not long transplanted from her days of commodity trading in oil. She has been a great friend and done great work for our reunion and in re-establishing some folks into the Mary Washington fold. Ernie spends lots of time in Virginia but has a place on Fenwick Island, Del., and visits Key West. Dory had some health issues that seem to be behind her and was ready to launch more of her artwork in a nearby gallery. It was great to see Lynn because we never really knew each other at school. Lisa, a Hanover, Va., attorney, and I have renewed our friendship. Susan, who flew in from Boston, still works for IBM. Natalee, who lives in Richmond, recently left the FBI as its first and only financial manager, then went into banking. Her husband fought a tough bout with cancer and remains cancer-free. Family issues prevented **Betty Hume** from coming.

Mary Anne also heard from **Eleanor "Sloan" Tyng Schoonover**, who joined the Navy after graduation and retired as a captain. "**Cookie**" **Elaine Brennan Wright** was in Budapest that weekend but volunteered to find a place for another gathering. We hope **Yuri McCarthy Gauss** and **Jan McNeil** will make our next mini-reunion. **Carol Scouten** was busy running a 10K; I understand she also runs marathons. **Julie McClellan Seder**, a costume jewelry artist, had a holiday show. We reconnected after several years when we were both at the Pentagon. **Joyce Garber Gamse** was at the Museum of Natural History in New York for the opening of a film her daughter produced.

The last time I saw **Doris Lee Hancock** of Richmond might have been at my 2001 retirement from Harry Lee Hall in Quantico, Va. **Renee Kuntz '85** is a friend from work, but we met during the Susan Komen Walk for the Cure in Baltimore, after the Sept. 11 terrorist bombing. **Kathy O'Neill Argiropoulos '70** has been a St. Stephens lay minister in the Episcopal Church for several years. **Kathy Lewis Newbold** of North Carolina survived last winter, one of the worst on record there.

1972 Reunion Weekend
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Hello, classmates! It's hard to believe we're coming up on our 40th reunion. Has it really been that long? I hope many of you will make it; it should be a great one! **Marty Abbott** and I met with the rest of the planning committee in August to get the ball rolling. Those who haven't been back for years won't believe how our university – and Fredericksburg – has grown.

Marty and I hadn't seen each other since graduation. She had a 32-year career as a language teacher and administrator for Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, served as director of education for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages since 2004, and was named executive director in October. The Alexandria-based nonprofit promotes legislation and funding

for language programs on Capitol Hill. Marty has a master's degree in Spanish linguistics from Georgetown University. I'm happy to have her helping with planning, and she's excited about getting involved.

My position as a legal assistant remains hectic. I've enjoyed my appearances as Baltimore's Best Hon for 2011 and am proud of my participation with Habitat for Humanity. Dennis and I planned to visit family in Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., and to see our good friends, David and **Cheryl Prietz Childress**, in Richmond. They enjoy dressing up for colonial fairs; recently traveled to Ohio, Tennessee, and Mount Vernon; and have an 18th-century crafts retirement business.

That's all for this time. Mark your calendars for the reunion the first weekend of June.

1973

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Like the mythical phoenix rising from the ashes, the Class of '73 scribe is ending her five-year hiatus. To those of you who sent news that didn't get printed, thank you for not losing faith. In the age of email, it's easy to send a quick update. Our section in *UMW Magazine* has looked so empty; let's make a renewed commitment to stay in touch.

Karen Wands Parker advocates for people with behavioral health concerns to receive "person-directed" services and received the 2011 Mental Health Consumer Award for Effective Advocacy. Beginning in the '60s, when her own behavioral health became disabling, she has proactively supported her peers by testifying at forums, co-facilitating focus groups, presenting at conferences, and writing for publication. In 1993, she received an award for three conference presentations. Also close to her heart are fighting stigma and assuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the mid-1990s, she was one of five mental health assistant counselors in the pioneering Supported Housing Options Program. Learning how to live with her own disabilities helped her empathize with and care for others, including her late husband, who developed violent clinical

depression, Parkinson's-related dementia, and cancer. Karen is a certified Wellness Recovery Action Plan facilitator, a Living Well with Chronic Conditions trainer, and vice-chair of the peer-run Reston Drop-In Center.

After 27 years in Florida, **Mary Stevens Porter** and husband Ken moved to Atlanta and were away from home much of summer 2010. Ken had statistics meetings in Vancouver, so they enjoyed their first trip to British Columbia then tacked on an Alaskan cruise. His work also

Karen Wands Parker '73 received the 2011 Mental Health Consumer Award for Effective Advocacy.

took them to Missouri then they visited their son and his wife in Madison, Wis., detouring through Chicago on the way home. They made multiple trips to Northern Virginia for Ken's EPA panels and visited his mother in Louisiana and their grandchildren in Florida. Ken was promoted to head of his unit at the American Cancer Society's national home office. Thanks to **Cathy Findley '65**, Mary has joined the Emory Women's Club bridge group.

Mary stays in touch with her roommate, **Carolyn Weems Lacks**, and **Pat Burgess Zerbe**, who transferred home and didn't graduate with us. Pat's son was to graduate from high school, and her daughter was to make her a first-time grandmother. Carolyn and Wayne bought a Florida condo in anticipation of retirement.

After graduating, **Barbara Taylor Moore** earned a master's in organ performance from Baylor University and returned to Charlottesville to open a piano teaching studio. She still teaches piano, organ, and music theory; teaches classes at U.Va.; plays for a church; and is active with local music organizations. She is married, and their cats are their "children." Barbara finally realized her lifelong dream of becoming a volunteer firefighter with the City of Charlottesville. She still weighs less than 100 pounds, which makes some of the work challenging, and nothing in her six years of fine arts education prepared her for it, but she compensates with dogged

determination, and a command of English and writing she uses as their secretary. Barbara sees other UMW organ majors every Christmas break.

This note is a couple of years old: **Daniel "Duke" Price** lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with wife Ingrid and daughter Danielle. Duke has worked for the Virginia Department of Health for 37 years and has been program manager for the Office of Environmental Health Services in Richmond for 13. He coaches high school and middle school girls' tennis and is a certified tennis official. Ingrid completed the Court Appointed Special Advocate program to help abused and neglected children. Danielle, a 10th-grader, swims competitively and plays viola in the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra Camerata.

Deb Reynolds Linder and Bruce live in Coronado, Calif. Bruce retired this year from Booz Allen Hamilton to devote more time to writing and is the published author of four books on maritime history. Knee surgery forced Deb to give up tennis several years ago, but she turned her energies to golf. She is a member of a philanthropic organization that promotes the continuing education of women, stumbled into Web development, and acts as her friends' IT consultant. Both daughters married in 2007. Kelly and husband Jonathan are in the tech industry in Silicon Valley, Calif. Terri, who works for Google, and husband Andreas, director of a hotel consultancy, live in England, so Bruce and Deb travel to Europe at least once a year. Last year they traveled through Switzerland by train, and this year they planned to be in London for the Olympics.

If you are reading this, you are obviously interested in your classmates' news, and you can be sure they are interested in yours. Please go straight to your computer and send an email. *Class Notes* is published three times a year.

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Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright was sent to Anniston, Ala., after Easter for a week's training as part of FEMA's response to the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act. As one of the original 200 disaster reservists hired the previous year, she received training on managing and tracking other federal agency employees who volunteer during disasters. It was the week the tornadoes struck, and Elizabeth assisted in deploying the community relations specialists for the Alabama response, then joined the response in Georgia. When the program was closed, Elizabeth, who had been away four weeks and had no field gear, opted to go home and regroup, rather than continue on to Joplin, Mo. Being a disaster reservist isn't for everyone, but if you like challenging environments and 84-hour work weeks, it's an interesting job. Elizabeth agreed to be a reservist while looking for a permanent full-time position close to Alexandria, Va. She volunteered during a January alumni networking event in Washington, D.C., and encourages other alumni to support these events. No matter what you're doing now, your experience can help and encourage students who are preparing to graduate.

Carole Mercader's son, Philippe, and daughter-in-law, Melissa, welcomed their son, Jacob Robert Brady, into the world in July. Is Carole proud or what?! Congrats!

Look for your annual postcard and get ready to share your news with your classmates!

1976

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Susan Akley Schneider's mother, Lillian Akley, 90, passed away in February. Susan and her brother took care of her at their family home on Maryland's Eastern Shore. They reminisced about their visits to Mary Washington and seeing their friends (and Susan's chemistry professor) Dr. and Mrs. Earl G. Insley and Ms. Loreeda Jones ("Jonesey") from the Campus Christian Center. Susan's mom supported every aspect of Susan's life, and Mary Washington was special to both of them.

Kathy Behringer Dayton was to complete a post-master's advanced graduate certificate in educational leadership at Stony Brook University in December and be certified in school building and district administration. She teaches middle school art on eastern Long Island. Vacation plans included a Christmas family reunion, camping at Cinnamon Bay on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. **Mary Ruth Burton** of Richmond enjoys work, and her children have graduated and are employed. She spent a summer weekend at her Irvington house with **Dawn Hill**, who was in our class but transferred to UNC at Chapel Hill, and husband Hal Hiemstra.

Donald Mulcare regrets missing our 35th reunion. After graduation and a stint in the Peace

Corps, he began work for NOAA and has worked in 49 states and overseas. He spent a decade in the Washington, D.C., area, then divorced, accepted a transfer to Texas, retired in Corpus Christi, and started teaching undergrad courses as an adjunct professor in the GIS program at the local campus of Texas A&M University. He travels to English-speaking locations, especially Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. Last year he spent two weeks in Thailand and Cambodia and hopes to take a biking tour of Vietnam next year.

Eva Marie Grace of Silver Spring, Md., has worked 12 years at the American College of Cardiology in Washington, D.C. Husband Brett is still with DoD, and son John, a high school senior, was applying to colleges. Her parents moved a couple years ago from Portsmouth, Va., to an assisted living facility in

Cole, a high school sophomore, is driving, so Debbie no longer has to chauffeur! Debbie and Bill have been married 33 years and live in Richmond. After years of staying home to raise children then teaching part time, Debbie now teaches pre-kindergarten full time. Bill, an independent insurance salesman was disabled in an auto accident, but they keep plugging along. **Cathy Kroohs** has been with the Alexandria Fire Department in Virginia for 25 years. She participated in Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, a seven-day, 454-mile ride, and raised funds for an AFD medic who had a lung transplant.

Marsha Blosser Barley spent two years at Mary Washington then transferred to Shenandoah Conservatory, where she also earned a master's in music education. She married in 1974, but her husband was killed in an

accident three years later. She started teaching in Frederick County, Va., in 1978, has taught choral music ever since, and is in her 12th year with Winchester Public Schools. In 1988, she married Dale Barley, who had open-heart surgery

Barbara Taylor Moore '73 still weighs less than 100 pounds but finally realized her lifelong dream of becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Williamsburg, near Eva's sister, **Ellen Grace '70**. A few years ago Eva noticed a sign in Bethesda, Md., that said, "**Patricia F. Long**, Music Therapy." Sure enough, it was her sophomore roommate, Patty, a flautist who transferred to Temple and had moved south from New York.

last year. Now they get up every morning at 5 to exercise before work. Her 40-year-old stepson, Brad, is in the Coast Guard and lives in Wilmington, N.C. Her 22-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, is a senior at Bridgewater College, where she's student body president.

Alison Haworth Regan and husband Don have lived in Grand Junction, Colo., for 12 years. Alison does needlepoint projects for a Texas shop, and Don is a seasonal park ranger at Colorado National Monument. Alison moved her mom, who has moderate Alzheimer's, from Houston to an independent living community near them. They're bonding after Alison lived so far away for so long. Alison and Don plan trips next year to Yellowstone National Park in February and to Canada in September. They have a 21-foot trailer they use for most of their travels.

Lundy Baker Updike had **Jane Reese-Coulbourne**, **Fran Patton '05**, and **Ellen Beste '11** at her home in November to meet a prospective UMW applicant. Lundy was amazed

Helen Taylor Salter lives in western Colorado. Stepdaughter Rachele, a nurse in Denver, is pursuing a master's to become a nurse practitioner. Stepson Jeff is a high school AP chemistry teacher in Salt Lake City. Helen continues to deal with chronic illness but was cheered by a recent move to a new home in Grand Junction. She stays in touch with dear friends **Judy Clark Hays**, **Lundy Baker Updike**, **Patti Jo Anderson**, and **Debbie Dawson Troy**.

Debbie Schutte Bryan's daughter, Kelsey, is a UMW freshman and loves it, and Debbie has enjoyed visiting the old and discovering the new on campus. Her eldest, son Chase, a JMU grad, is a junior accountant at a Richmond firm. Her youngest,

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to learn how much she and Jane had in common with the younger grads. She encourages anyone with the opportunity to get together with younger alumnae to do so! **Karen Sullivan Iseman** wanted to come to our 35th reunion but her older son decided to get married about the same time and that took priority!

Patti Jo Anderson, a project manager for Verizon, enjoys decorating her house and planning weddings. Her niece, **Berkley Schmidt '15**, daughter of **Cynthia Anderson Schmidt '79**, is a UMW freshman and one of 15 bloggers for *Seventeen* magazine. **Madelin Jones Barratt**, husband Henry, and daughters Ellen and Anna were to be in Shanghai for Christmas for the wedding of son William, who works at a Chinese company there. Thank you all for sending me your news. Keep it coming!

1977 Reunion Weekend
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Rob Hall and I have been in Saltville, Va., since last July and love being closer to family and friends. Rob continues as chief of police, and I started teaching yoga again at several area facilities and singing alto in a choir in nearby Abingdon. Last September I met **Pat Seyller** in Norfolk, Va., and we saw a full dress and orchestra rehearsal of Virginia Opera's *Aida*, for which Pat is the consummate costumer.

Nancy Ryan McNealy of Beltsville, Md., married Mike, whom she met at Mary Washington, in 1982, and has run a small real estate title company since 1986. The youngest of their three grown children is at the University of Maryland; Oblio, a beagle puppy, is the only baby still at home. **Laura Stapleton Baker** and husband Geoff, who have an Internet-based business, sold their West Chester, Pa., home, divested most of their possessions, and hit the road full time in their RV last summer. They traveled, with their Shih Tzu, Yoshi, across the country, over the Rockies, and back through the Great Plains in their 41-foot Newmar

Mountain Aire. They wintered in Florida. **Joan Niederlehner** spent a couple days with **Chris Miller Ostendorff** in July, and they met her twin sister, **Karen Miller Fales**, for lunch in Maryland and had fun reconnecting and talking about Mary Washington friends; Joan hadn't seen both twins together for a long time. **Jeanne Marie McDonough McClure** recently retired from her medical technology career.

Janet McConnell Philips spoke last spring at UMW's Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Career Afternoon and saw her favorite professor, David Cain. Janet has been the White House photo archivist for 23 years. She hopes son Will, 17, and Mary Washington will choose each other in 2013! **Julie Mansfield Wilhelm** retired in October 2010, after 35 years at the Department of State, and relocated to Virginia Beach. **Connie Whittaker Durrett** lives in Fredericksburg with husband Bill, who retired from the federal fire service. She was to have been with United Airlines for 38 years in May. Son Christopher, a Richmond carpenter, planned to return to college to pursue a degree in architecture; daughter Keri was pursuing a graduate degree in clinical psychology, with a specialty in drama therapy, in Montreal.

Beth Doggett Atkinson '77, a volunteer docent at Gunston Hall, was pictured giving a school tour in the September 2011 *Southern Living*.

She has performed at Riverside Center Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg; the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; the Gospel Chicken House in Montpelier, Va.; and other venues.

Our 35th reunion weekend is set for June 1-3. **Theresa "Terrie" Young Crawley** and husband Bill will host our Friday evening class party at their lovely home. Hope to see many of you there!

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Hi everyone, and happy 2012! Don't forget to drop me a line as soon as you read this so I can get you in the next newsletter. Be sure to put "Class Notes" in the subject line so I don't miss it! And please urge everyone to send updated email addresses either to me or to the UMW Alumni Relations office. So many addresses are outdated!

Geoff and Laura Stapleton Baker '77 divested their home and most possessions and hit the road – full time – in their RV.

My husband and I celebrated 23 years of marriage – and living in Connecticut – last August. We have had more unusual weather events in the past 18 months than in the first 21 years. Luckily, none of them caused any real damage. We weren't as affected by last October's snowstorm as were those in northern Connecticut, but we bought a generator and it provided some relief during the 48 hours we were without power.

Bill Leighty retired in 2007 after serving the state government of Virginia in many capacities, including director of the Virginia Retirement System and chief of staff to Governors Warner and Kaine. In retirement, he joined DecideSmart, a small Richmond consulting firm, and recently conducted training for the newly elected governors of Nigeria. He also has done work for the United Nations and the Scottish national government. Bill's hobby is bird watching and he serves on the American Bird Conservancy Board, helping protect critical habitat for endangered species. **Marti Kearns Leighty '75** (Bill and Marti attended prom together at Denbigh High School in Newport News, Va.)

is a literature professor, chair of the religion and philosophy department, and assistant dean at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. She will complete her second term on the UMW Board of Visitors in June 2012.

Doug Dolton of Mill Valley, north of San Francisco, is married, and, between them, they have four children. His eldest runs a Mill Valley tutoring business, and his son was to go to Paris for a year before starting college. The two youngest boys are 16 and 13. Doug was asked to participate in a planning retreat for UMW's new College of Business in January, saw many people he remembered, and said UMW seems to be doing great. He started two

businesses in the past year, after many years as CEO of financial institutions in the Washington, D.C., area and in California. He doesn't plan to retire. He loves being busy and being around renewable energy and exotic cars.

Kaaren Reckmeyer Dunn and Robert have been married 25 years. He retired from the Army in December '99, and they moved to Huntsville, Ala., where Robert is part owner of an engineering firm. Kaaren is a stay-at-home mom, and they have three children. Sarah, 22, graduated from Mount Holyoke College; Elizabeth, 21, is a senior at Virginia Tech; and, Andrew, 17, is a high school senior. They keep in touch with **Regan Mulreany Plunkett**, **Cindy Nightingale Leigh**, and **Karen Bast Aigen**. Huntsville is less congested than Northern Virginia and is a great place to raise children, but they hope to move to the East Coast eventually and live on the beach.

Kathy Pritchard Napier was promoted in January to divisional director of business development for the clinical diagnostics division of Thermo Fisher Scientific, where she still uses her Mary Washington biology degree. Her division has facilities in Middletown, Va., where she is based; Fremont, Calif.; Helsinki, Finland; Hennigsdorf, Germany; and Nimes, France, and she traveled recently to all of them. Husband

Job Suits Editor's Wanderlust



Being senior editor of *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit* takes MJ Figel Day '97 around the world in search of beautiful places in which to photograph gorgeous models. She also finds time for adventure, such as in Rajasthan, India (above), where she posed with a cobra.

MJ Figel Day '97 has cuddled a koala in Australia and lounged with a lion in the African nation of Zambia. The senior editor at *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit* has traveled to Tunisia, Turkey, and Thailand, to Costa Rica, Canada, and Croatia, stepping on every continent except Antarctica in just over a dozen years.

As a college freshman, Day had never so much as boarded an airplane. Childhood vacations were confined to the East Coast. Day chose the University of Mary Washington in part because it reminded her of her small hometown in New Jersey.

"Bigger universities scared me," she said. Plus, "I didn't want to go to a party school. I was in it for an education."

Day made up her mind after one tour of the picturesque campus. "I'm an aesthetic person. I was drawn to it. Academically, it was a really good match. I didn't go on any more college tours after Mary Washington."

Day, who had planned to become a lawyer, majored in political science.

But a trip to Chicago to visit her college roommate's family – and a second trip to the Bahamas – "flipped a switch in me," Day said. "You have all these ideas of what you think you should do with your life. It's almost impossible to know."

A UMW study-abroad tour of European capitals with John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science and international affairs, and Porter R. Blakemore, associate professor of history, followed.

"It became my priority to see as much of the world as I could before

I died. It was kind of like a reawakening. It forever changed how I viewed my life and the world," Day said of the study abroad. "I never would have had this understanding of this passion if I hadn't done that."

Day set her sights on New York and publishing – a fast-paced and ever-changing industry. She landed an internship at *InStyle* magazine right after graduation.

Her next job was as an editorial assistant at *Sports Illustrated* working on the swimsuit edition. Along with serving coffee and returning bathing suits, Day said, "I got to go on shoots" to those exotic, faraway places.

She worked her way up to assistant editor, then associate editor. As senior editor, Day runs the largest-selling, single-issue magazine in the world.

"Honestly, I attribute everything I've become professionally to Mary Washington," Day said.

And after all that travel, she said, "I have yet to find a prettier place than Fredericksburg."

– Kristin Davis

Ron Napier '77 is a juvenile and domestic relations court judge and sits in four different jurisdictions in Virginia's northern Shenandoah Valley. He traveled with Kathy to Ireland last fall. They also traveled to northern Finland to visit friends they met through Rotary, with which they both are actively involved. Their youngest, Mary Katherine, graduated *cum laude* in May, and their older son, Andrew, graduated in 2007, both from UMW, so Kathy and Ron have kept up with our alma mater and Fredericksburg. Their younger son, Will, graduated from Goucher College in Towson, Md., in 2010. Both sons are on their own and work full time, and Mary Katherine is student teaching at River Bend High School in Fredericksburg, pursuing her certification to teach secondary history and social studies.

Anne Leckie retired as executive director of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun in Mayo, Yukon, in September. She expects to continue to consult but hopes to be done with the 10-hour days of a high-pressure job. She planned to travel for six months with partner Marc Johnston and pick up some consulting work in the spring. **Sharon Atkins Robinson** teaches at Lake Ridge Middle School in Woodbridge, Va., but was thinking of retiring soon. Daughter Anna graduated from Longwood University. Sharon and I graduated from Woodbridge High School, although, as a military brat, I was only there my senior year.

Jane Roth Baugh and husband Tom have been in Roanoke, Va., for 25 years, and, for 21 of them, Jane has been the librarian at Woods Rogers PLC, one of Virginia's largest law firms. Jane's job has expanded to include records management, and she recently finished a one-year term as chair of the private law libraries subsection of the American Association of Law Libraries. As a law firm librarian in Newport Beach, Calif., **Lynn Connor Merring** is active with some of the same groups, and she and Jane keep in touch. Jane and Tom have a collie and Siamese cat but no children. Tom is director of music at their church, and Jane is in the choir, helps with the children's choir, and is a member of the

Roanoke Symphony Chorus. Jane runs into **Vicki Nichols Sheretz** in the grocery store.

Demetria Smith Laird and husband Doug celebrated their 30th anniversary in April. Their two children threw them a surprise May anniversary party, and they all took a summer Caribbean cruise, snorkeled, and swam with sea turtles in Barbados. **Patricia Ringle Vandever**, who has taught high school English for 32 years, traveled to Italy with the high school orchestra in June. Her first grandchild, Ethan, was born in February to son Jason.

Cindy Nightingale Leigh is a dentist in Charlotte, N.C., and has three children. **Beth Doggett Atkinson** and husband Dwight traveled to New Zealand in April after the giant quake there and stayed with friends on the South and the North islands. They survived their own quake in Virginia in August. Daughter **Virginia Atkinson '03** of Northern Virginia has attended and spoken at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and Brussels, as well as the United Nations in NYC. Beth's husband, son, and daughter all work in Washington, D.C. Beth, a volunteer docent at Gunston Hall in Lorton, Va., was pictured giving a tour to schoolchildren in the September 2011 issue of *Southern Living*. She and Dwight celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary and newly empty nest this summer.

Sharon Doggett retired in July 2009 after 30 years with the Coast Guard Reserve. She had lunch in July in Williamsburg

Anne Leckie '78 retired as executive director of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun in Mayo, Yukon.

with **Sallie Washington Braxton '77** of Spotsylvania, Va., **Yita Gomez '79** of Petersburg, Va., **Marilyn Delone Hopkins '78** of Montgomery, Ala., and Thelma Washington Turner of Williamsburg. **Beverly Wood-Holt** works with directors and cameramen at Deluxe Entertainment in Los Angeles. Bev and husband Brian look forward to retiring to their Virginia property and travel there

at least twice a year. Bev's mom passed away five years ago, and her dad, who is 86 and active, came to live with them. She keeps in touch with **Roseanne Galzerano-Wyatt**, who lives in the Middle East with husband Jeff, a Chevron consultant.

Karen Bourgeois works for Lockheed Martin and does volunteer work. She is speech director of the company's high school speech contest, editor of the local International Council on Systems Engineering newsletter, and became a certified manager through James Madison University last year.

Bill Leighty '78 joined the small Richmond consulting firm DecideSmart and recently conducted training for the newly elected governors of Nigeria.

She works in her garden, plays Sudoku, and spends time with her cat, Spunky. She and her high school son visited her parents in South Carolina; her mother is a '53 Mary Washington alumna.

Virginia P. Thompson teaches kindergarten through fifth-grade art in a Kingsport, Tenn., private school. Her students have won international awards eight of the nine years she's been there. She plans a second retirement soon; her first was from pharmaceuticals in 1998. Virginia and her husband have three children and seven grandchildren. **Ann Plough Shaw** lives in the northern suburbs of Pittsburgh with husband Daniel and her children. She works part time as a psychologist at The Watson Institute, evaluating children with autism-spectrum diagnoses and their parents. Daniel is a professor of clinical psychology and chair of the psychology department at the University of Pittsburgh. Daughter Alyssa, a junior studying psychology and Italian at Smith College in Massachusetts, planned to begin a year abroad in Florence, Italy, in September. Son Zachary, a high school senior, hopes to play college volleyball. Her youngest, Joshua, is in eighth grade. Ann

spends time in Cape Cod every summer with both sides of the extended family and recently returned from trips to Barcelona, Spain, and to volleyball nationals in Minneapolis. "I can't believe any of our class is old enough to have grandkids or be retiring. I am still running carpools and washing sports jerseys!"

Martha "Happy" Clark Scala has connected with many alumni via Facebook. She has a part-time private psychotherapy practice near her Palo Alto, Calif., home. She recently was published in *Cooking Comfort: Stories with Recipes, Poetry*

Now, and an anthology called *Fault Zone: Words from the Edge*. Martha publishes the monthly "e-zine" newsletter *Out on a*

Limb. **Karen Vogen Gayle** has worked for 11 years for the country's largest charter school organization, Imagine Schools, and recently became national education and achievement coordinator. Karen's sons graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design. Matthew teaches art at Imagine Schools, and Sean works at a printing company, creating designs for shirts and other items. Daughter Heather is a freshman social work major at Florida State University.

Gail Story Upton and husband Mike are empty-nesters who have been in the same Oklahoma home for 15 years, where they live with their three large dogs. Their oldest child, Dan, has been a vagabond, traveling in Central America, Europe, and the U.S. for seven years. He does odd work, including fire dancing, to support himself. His 3-year-old son, Chaim, lives in NYC with his mother. Katie, the Uptons' middle child, a CPA at Ernst & Young, bought a house with her husband near Gail. Lisa, their youngest, in her second year with Teach for America, taught first grade in rural Alabama last year and teaches fifth grade in Tuscaloosa this year. Mike is deputy director at Enterprise Services Center for the FAA,



and Gail directs an accreditation program for the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, working with people around the country from her desk at home. **Carrie Wagner Connick** and **Jo-Anne Smith Burlew** get together each year. Jo-Anne lives in Reston, Va., loves her new job, and was looking forward to her

Carolyn Bess Pantzer, who works for the Office for Children in Fairfax, Va., has two daughters, three stepdaughters, and seven grandchildren. We work in the same complex, but I never seem to run into her. I do see **Mary Regan McMahon**, as we've both been part of a multiyear project implementing a financial-procurement system for Fairfax County government.

Gayle Weinberger Petro, a sixth-grade teacher at Silverbrook Elementary, has taught for 32 years. She's considering retiring, contemplating her second career, and would love to do something with the Alumni Association since

she loves being part of it and is an enthusiastic proponent of all things UMW (and George Clooney)!

Carol Middlebrook works for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C., hiked the fjords of Norway in July and August with her husband, and traveled to Maine and Vermont in September. Linda McCarthy-Milone works in admissions for the International School in Washington. She and husband Paul have sons Oliver, who is in college in Hawaii, and Max, who is in high school. I see Betsy Larson Kyker often because she lives nearby and is a partner in crime at craft shows, where we both do our part for the economy. Betsy and husband Bill stay busy with sons Quintin, a high school sophomore, and Jake, an eighth-grader. We missed **Judy Kemp Allard** this year.

Email me if you're interested in joining these October get-togethers. And please email your news. It's always great to hear from everyone when the latest alumni magazine comes out.

1980

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Laura Lowe Collins, husband Jim, and daughter Devorah went on a 7,000-mile, eight-week singing tour that started in Rapid City, S.D., and hit Fredericksburg. Laura's hometown of Loudoun County, and everything in between. Eldest daughter Stephanie is a graduate of the Art Institutes International in

Minnesota. Laura and Jim have granddaughter Madison Marie Collins, daughter of middle son Michael, who serves in the South Dakota National Guard.

Ilona Kassey took a summer family cruise to the Bahamas to celebrate the graduation of son Warren, a freshman engineering student at Cornell University. Younger brother Aaron is in seventh grade and plays football and drums. Both parents teach in the private sector. **Barbara Moseley** has a son and is still trying for the self-sustaining farm life, while slowing the horticultural business and starting other endeavors. Niece Briana Wilson is a sophomore studying biology. Barbara gathered some of the following news from classmates.

Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed **Stephanie Hamlett '81** to the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Sameena Ahmed of Potomac Falls, Va., works at SAIC. **Debbie Sharp Fitzgerald** and husband Mike are enjoying an empty nest in Washington State. **Cyndie Hammond Sosnowski** has two children and works for the school system in New York. **Pat O'Hara Wykoff** of San Antonio is a grandmother. **Vicky Nichols Wilder** and husband Marty took a three-week trip on the *Royal Clipper*, visiting Venice, Italy; Corsica; Spain; Morocco; and Portugal – the unexpected gem. They acquired new friends and the title of “Mr. and Mrs. *Royal Clipper*” for their singing-and-acting shenanigans. “What a way to celebrate those big birthdays!”

1981

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Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed **Stephanie Hamlett** of Richmond to the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. Stephanie is executive director of the Virginia Resources Authority, which provides financing for local governments and serves as manager for the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure

Bank. Stephanie, previously deputy counselor to Gov. McDonnell, has children Kristen Spain and Sterling Grotes and son-in-law Josh Spain, who all live in Richmond.

Eleven 1981 graduates who were unable to attend Reunion Weekend at Mary Washington in June got together in September for a late celebration of our 30th reunion at Mike and **Katrina Ray Landis'** Annapolis, Md., home on the Severn River. Mike and Katrina, who is CEO of BP's alternative energy division, returned to the U.S. from England about a year ago. They traveled across the Atlantic last summer on their 55-foot sailboat. **Babette Thorpe**, who came from southeast Idaho,

where she lives with her husband, traveled farthest for the reunion celebration. She is land protection director at Teton Regional Land Trust. **Karen Snyder Boff**, who traveled from Marietta, Ga., had surgery at Emory Hospital in May to correct an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was almost back to normal. She has a small business called “Clutterfree.”

Ellen Stanley Booth of Arlington, Va., is vice president for communications at National Geographic. Ellen and husband Bob's daughter, Mariel, models in New York and attends NYU. **Elisa Devorshak Harvey** is a regulatory consultant for medical device companies and a part-time veterinarian in suburban Maryland. Husband Brian was doing well after suffering a heart attack in April. Son Duncan is a sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont, and Elisa stays busy with 17-year-old son Alex and their cat, dogs, horses, and chickens. **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick** teaches in Fairfax County. **Katie Kulp Jones** is a school media specialist in Roanoke, Va. **Patty Churchill Shippee** has a daughter in high school and another at U.Va. Also there were **Colleen McCahill Turley** of Fredericksburg, **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** of Ellicott City, Md., and **Pam Clapp Hinkle** of Plymouth, Mass. Everyone greatly missed **Charlotte Clare Snyder**, who passed away unexpectedly last summer.

Gayle Weinberger Petro '79 is an enthusiastic proponent of all things UMW – and George Clooney!

younger daughter's wedding. Carrie, who lives outside Philadelphia with her husband and two teenage sons, works in the biochemical field for Johnson & Johnson.

1979

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This year we changed the location of our traditional fall brunch in Old Town Alexandria. **Linda McCarthy-Milone** and **Carol Middlebrook** came from Washington, D.C.; **Carolyn Bess Pantzer** came from Chantilly, Va.; and **Betsy Larson Kyker**, the always-entertaining **Gayle Weinberger Petro**, and I came from Fairfax, Va., to meet **Karen Noss Helble** at a Leesburg restaurant. Her eldest daughter married her high school and college sweetheart the day before, and Karen was ecstatic – and probably exhausted. She showed us wedding photos, and her daughter, who received a degree in nutrition from James Madison University in May, was simply beautiful. Karen has another daughter and a son who are also at JMU. After lunch, we drove to the Gateway Gallery in Round Hill, Va., to which Karen belongs. She and husband Stuart also own a pewter shop, drawing on a skill Karen learned from a senior-year internship at Mary Washington. They are among only 60 pewtersmiths in the country and do beautiful work. They've done work for Mount Vernon and UMW and were included in *Early American Life's* list of America's top 200 traditional craftsmen. Karen also weaves and does calligraphy.

1982 *Reunion Weekend*

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1983

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Tom and I stay busy with work, travel, and house renovations. I'm still board president of the Louisville Ballet, which keeps me on my toes – literally, and was featured on the cover of the September 2011 issue of *NFocus* magazine. I'm pursuing a third master's, this one in health policy, and am director of provider engagement for

Claire Kelly '83 was promoted to director of exhibitions at the National Portrait Gallery in October.

Humana. Our oldest will finish college and our youngest will finish high school in May. Middle son Michael is at Tufts.

Teresa Childers Peterson and Mark of Atlanta enjoy their proximity to Florida and visit their beach house to kayak, bike, and walk on the beach. Mark made a speedy recovery from a recent hip replacement. After serving as the National Portrait Gallery's acting director of exhibitions and collections management since June, **Claire Kelly** was promoted to director of exhibitions in October.

Maxine Fowler Minar lives in Rockville, Md., with her husband, who planned to retire from the Washington, D.C., Police Department this spring after 28 years. Daughter Casey is majoring in criminal justice and education at Montgomery College, lives at home, and works as an equestrian instructor and trainer. She bought a 10-year-old thoroughbred and was training him in dressage. Their son is a freshman studying engineering at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., where he plays lacrosse. Maxine, president of Comprint Military Publications in Gaithersburg, Md., likes to golf.

Amanda Ormond's oldest daughter, Renee, studies Chinese and international affairs at Colorado State University. Youngest daughter Kelly played freshman volleyball while juggling honors classes. Amanda has been a renewable energy development consultant in the West for 10 years. She and husband John celebrated their 23rd anniversary in September. **Sharon Robertson Williamson**, who works in IT for WellPoint, and husband Brian, who engineers green equipment and buildings, bought an RV and traveled the East Coast. Daughter Shelby, 17, is a high school senior applying to colleges. Son Hunter, 15, is lead singer in a band and is in two select school choirs. They have three cats.

Nelly Castano Garza, who no longer works for Frost Bank, was helping her mother-in-law with medical needs. Younger son Andrew, 20, started at the University of

Advancing Technology in Tempe, Ariz., in August 2010. Her older son teaches computer and coaches basketball and six-man football at Castle Hills First Baptist School. Nelly works part time and has an at-home business. Her husband, a technical support coordinator for Castle Hills First Baptist Church, has worked there for 15 years.

Dave Petersen, who remarried in June, celebrated his 50th birthday in Las Vegas, where he heard from people he hadn't seen in a long time. Oldest daughter Jenn is in her last year of grad school at FSU. Middle daughter Michelle, a junior at FSU, got into the education program. Youngest daughter Kelly is in 10th grade and driving. Dave's 25th med school reunion was scheduled for April. He has published two textbook chapters; taught minimally invasive spinal surgery at Johns Hopkins, the Mayo Clinic, and other U.S. medical centers; and lectured abroad in several countries. He has about 20 patents issued and 10 pending, mostly in spinal surgery. Dave has had three major back surgeries, which gives him a different perspective from most doctors in the area.

Kiki Connerton Smith and husband Dixon left Hawaii after his November change of command and were in San Diego. After a Thanksgiving

Linda Burch '85, who retired in 2006 after 34 years in medicine, puts her historic preservation degree to work at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County, Va.

trip to Oregon to visit family, Dixon was to take command of Navy Region Southwest. **Dave Hardin**, a Longwood University geography professor, helped teach a field course at Yellowstone and Grand Tetons in May for the third year. The family traveled to Europe for nearly a month so Dave could continue his research on the Homeland War in Croatia and took side trips to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia to check out the Karst topography. They spent time with **Steve Jalbert '82** and family at their home in Germany near Ramstein Air Base, and Dave and Steve searched for remnants of the Siegfried Line. Dave and his family attended his nephew's wedding in Green Bay, Wis. Sidelined by an August foot surgery, he enjoyed reconnecting with Mary Washington alumni on Facebook.

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Elizabeth "Betsy" Carswell and Carol Wayman planned a December wedding. Elizabeth is a public interest advocate for a nonprofit and a division chief at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. They are renovating Elizabeth's Capitol Hill row house, and Elizabeth is doing online grad work in geospatial intelligence through Penn State.

Monique Gormont Mobley and husband Scott are enjoying their Wisconsin empty nest. She works with high school English Language Learner students, and

Scott is pursuing his doctorate in history, after 30 years with the Navy. During their 25-year marriage, they moved 13 times, including a tour in Argentina. They've called the Midwest home for six years but

probably have another move ahead of them.

Linda Burch, who retired in 2006 after 34 years in medicine, puts her historic preservation degree to work at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County, Va. **Kathy Shenkle** lives in Alexandria, Va., on one of George Washington's farms. She is retired from a military historian career that included service with the Coast Guard, Navy, Army, and Air Force and eight years producing exhibits on World War II veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. She earned a master of divinity at Oral Roberts University in 2002 and served as a pastor for two years. Now Catholic, she teaches music, drama, history, and religion to children, sings in several choirs, plays keyboard in a band that performs at nursing homes and churches, and composes and arranges music.

1986

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1987 *Reunion Weekend*

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Michele Adams Mulligan, an attorney with MercerTrigiani, was named a 2011 Virginia Super Lawyer for professional liability defense, real estate law, and insurance coverage and listed in *Super Lawyers* magazine. *Super Lawyers* rates lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. Mulligan, a 1990 University of Richmond School of Law graduate,



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Hello from your new Class of '89 agent. I was thrilled to hear from several people and find some old friends.

I live in Manassas, Va., with my husband and our five teenagers. My stepdaughter, Kiauna, is a sophomore at UMW, and my husband, Mike, is finishing a degree at the Stafford campus. I'm going on my 22nd year as a software engineer in Springfield, Va., and enjoy playing flute with the Prince William Community Band and boating on the Potomac River.

Sharon Perry Fuller and husband Jim, who live in Richmond's West End with their two bulldogs, enjoyed a summer trip to Barcelona and Mallorca, Spain. Sharon is in her 16th year with Royall & Company, which helps colleges and universities recruit students. **Michele Linden Scherдин** retired from the entertainment business, is a part-time personal trainer, and spends time with her husband and children Regan, Justin, Ryan, and Jaime in New Orleans. **Anastasia Shirley Carson**, who teaches art in Gastonia, N.C., and husband Paul were looking forward to moving to Asheville, N.C. Daughter Ally (my goddaughter) is a freshman at Wake Forest University. Their youngest, Nadia, is still at home.

Bruce Newcomer has lived in the Fredericksburg area since graduation, taught in Spotsylvania County for 22 years, and was recently accepted to Biltmore Who's Who. **David Richards**, associate professor at Pennsylvania College of

Technology, has taught physics and astronomy there since 1995. He earned a doctorate in instructional systems at Penn State in August 2010 and lives in Montoursville, Pa., with his wife and two children. **Beth Mazza Robertson** moved with her family from Fairfax, Va., to San Carlos, Calif., with a stopover in Colorado, following her husband's promotions at Gazillion Entertainment. Beth, a stay-at-home mom of two, is active in the PTA.

Look for the next *Class Notes* deadline in this issue and please let me know how you are doing!

1990

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Keith Jensen is single, lives in Mount Prospect, Ill., and, as humanities chair at Harper College in Palatine, puts his Mary Washington English and classics background to use teaching courses like classical mythology and history through the Middle Ages. **Steven Paul** and wife Anita moved to Augusta, Maine, last summer after 18 years in Pittsburgh. Steven has a new job at the University of Southern Maine,

As humanities chair at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., **Keith Jensen '90** teaches courses like classical mythology and history through the Middle Ages.

working with the Maine Center for Disease Control to develop and implement a performance improvement system. In June, Steven and Anita welcomed their first child, Jacob Franklin. Steven's Mary Washington roommate, **Michael Egan '91**, attended Jacob's bris.

Mary Sherley Fenimore's children, Carter, 5, Emily, 8, and Taylor, 10, were in elementary school this fall, and Mary was using her "free time" to grow her small public relations firm, Roundtable Communications. **Jody Hobbs Hesler** lives in Charlottesville with her husband and daughters Clara, 14, and

Jillian, 13. She has had several stories published and won prizes for her fiction. She also is on the board of directors for FOCUS Women's Resource Center in Charlottesville.

1991

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Hello, Class of '91. Hope everyone is well. I didn't receive any news for this issue. I hope to hear from many of you next time!

1992

Reunion Weekend
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Dave Derkowski '92 ran into **Eric Axelson '93** at a Fitz and The Tantrums concert.

I became a class agent in July and heard from more than a dozen classmates before the *Class Notes* deadline. Several months pass between the time you send me your news and when that information is printed, so please keep sending your email and Facebook messages!

My husband, Tom, and I spent several days in July on St. Simons Island, where Tom had an engineering conference. We went whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee, enjoying some of the rapids on the 1996 Olympic course. We celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary with an August trip to St. Lucia, went scuba diving, and explored the reefs near the Piton Mountains. We hiked and camped in the fall with the Atlanta Outdoor Club, spending weekends at Dauset Trails in Jackson, Ga., Cloudland Canyon State Park in Rising Fawn, Ga., and Congaree National Park near Gadsden, S.C. I've been active with my homeowners association and as social chair on our board of directors. I planned numerous events and parties, welcomed more than a dozen families to the neighborhood in less than a year, and looked forward to our third annual caroling event.

Jarrold Epps has lived in Prague for 15 years and been married for five. An independent private equity investment advisor, he was starting an online project that began a massive development effort in January. He has visited 53 countries on his quest to get to 100. Last year he ran the London and Berlin marathons. Jarrold, a New Orleans Saints football fan, was getting his private pilot license in hopes of flying to our June reunion. He doesn't have children but says it could happen soon! He stays in touch with **Mark Clark**, who lives in Richmond with wife Rene and their five children, and **Sean Holcomb**, who lives in San Francisco with wife Heather and their daughter. He is commissioner of the alumni-filled MWC fantasy football league. **Drew White** started a real estate advisory business, **Brian**

Bodson coaches kids' sports teams, and **Brendan Casey**, who lives in Chicago with wife Melissa and their four kids, works in Fermilab's national particle accelerator program.

Kate Stanford McCown and husband John, an international tax director for Walmart, relocated to Bentonville, Ark., in January 2011, and Kate made the transition from working lawyer to stay-at-home mom of Ashlyn Elizabeth, 1, Jack, 7, and Mary Ella, 9. They love living in a beautiful state and looked forward to touring Crystal Bridges, an art museum that opened close to their home. **Tevin Chaney** of Fredericksburg works in the City of Alexandria's GIS division in Virginia. He was working on a master's in GIS in College Park at the University of Maryland, where he plans to pursue his doctorate in remote sensing.

The label **Dave Derkowski** was with for 15 years, Reprise Records, folded into Warner Brothers, and Dave now has more bands and territory as a company rep. His family's sport of choice is softball, and daughters Julia, 11, and Lauren, 8, are on travel teams and have started to excel at pitching. The family planned a two-week trip to Australia. Dave and some classmates had a blast on campus in November, visiting Seacobeck

Eschewing Control Leads to Passionate Art

It's hard for **Will Copps '08** to describe the art he creates from light and sound because he's not quite sure himself what it is.

"Yes, it's weird," said Copps, whose media include computer technology and sonar sensors. "I find it exciting to think about the possibilities of technology and how to tie them into art."

One piece, *Digital Synthetic*, creates an image only when a viewer stands in front of it. It consists of a flat screen with changing shapes and colors that form a different "video painting" for each viewer. "It captures the uniqueness of that moment," he said. "I really like incorporating the user."

Others in turn have really liked his work. Copps, 26, was among those chosen for *Momentum: A National Juried Exhibition for Emerging Artists With Disabilities* last year at the Smithsonian Institution's S. Dillon Ripley Center in Washington, D.C. One of 15 artists chosen, Copps received an award of excellence and \$2,000 for his part in the exhibit, which was sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Volkswagen Group of America, and VSA, the International Organization on Arts and Disability.

Copps has always had "a creative nature," he said, but that's not all that shapes his art. He has Tourette syndrome, a neurological disorder that causes people to make repeated, quick movements or sounds that they cannot control. The condition grew stronger when he was a high school student growing up in Alexandria, Va. "I turned to playing drums, where I could get it all out. And my art really started from my music."

He began playing in bands and then mixing video into those performances. "All of that fed into the art; it's all connected," Copps said. "I really like the spontaneity and things being a little bit out of control. It's kind of a reflection of me."

At UMW, Copps ran the school's student entertainment service, Giant Productions, where he learned a lot about the music business. He studied English and was editor of the student newspaper, *The Bullet*.

"What I loved at Mary Washington was I could get involved in so much," he said.

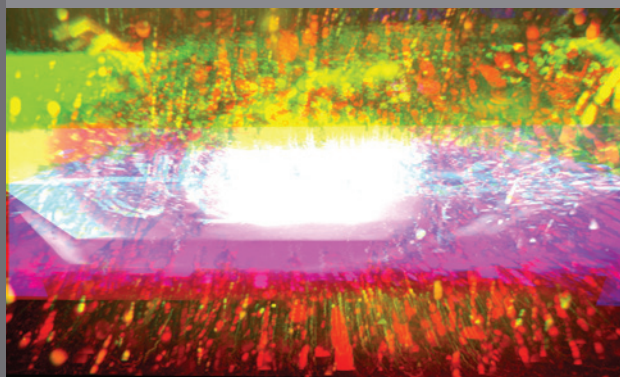
Copps worked closely with Professor of English Steve Watkins, then faculty adviser to *The Bullet*. "He was always great and supportive," Copps said. "He always asked about what I did, not just the paper."

Watkins isn't surprised his one-time student is creating art that's drawing attention. "He's such a Renaissance guy and so eclectic," Watkins said. "And part of Will's genius is he is utterly unfettered by the bounds of media."

When he's not creating art, Copps works as a staff officer at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Springfield. And, this spring he is set to marry **Emily McAlpine '09**, who recently completed a master's degree in art history at American University.



Will Copps '08 uses media and technology to create "video paintings." The constantly changing works, which combine music and visuals, are fueled in part by the unpredictable symptoms of Tourette syndrome, which Copps has lived with since childhood. His work *Digital Synthetic* (below) was on view last year at the Smithsonian's S. Dillon Ripley Center in Washington, D.C.



Next up for Copps: finding a place to display his most recent work, *Self Portrait*, an ever-changing computer-powered piece. It includes a sculpture of a tree and two laptop-sized screens that show the artist – moving – in red, blue, and yellow. "It is an interesting way for me to look at how I interact with the environment," he said.

– Robert Burke



which now serves sushi!, touring the dorms, stopping to wish **Cedric Rucker '81** a happy birthday, and hanging out on Campus Walk. The group included **Doug Couvillion**, who lives in Richmond with wife **Shannon Struve** and their two daughters; **Frank Holleran** of Alexandria, Va., who works for the government and travels the world; and **Megan Prosser**, who lives in Northern Virginia with husband Mike and still cares for her horses. They visited **Gordon Dixon**, who lives in Richmond with wife Valeta and their two boys, and **Kent Romska**, who lives in Richmond and works for Clear Channel Radio. The weekend was filled with memories of good times from 20 years ago. Dave, who is active in all things music, still travels to Washington, D.C., for shows and ran into **Eric Axelson '93** at a Fitz and The Tantrums concert.

Marc Tate lives in Centreville, Va., with wife Cemmi and children Marcus

Chris Watson '96 worked with Habitat for Humanity in Haiti with Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, former President Jimmy Carter, and 500 other volunteers.

and Maddie and is a principal with Booz Allen Hamilton. Mark is set to appear in the winter 2012 issue of *InSpire Magazine*, which named him among the top 40 inspirers in America because of his contributions to his profession and community. **Andy Gustafson**, a travel agent for AAA, wife Ivy, and their children, Max and Maggie, have settled into their new Tampa, Fla., home, where they love the weather but miss their Northern Virginia friends. **Amy Wilkinson Johnson** and husband Jay work for Hanover County and live in Richmond with their two girls and two goofy dogs. Amy has worked for Hanover for 20 years and somehow ended up being a systems administrator despite avoiding computer classes at Mary Washington. Amy and her family are busy with Girl Scouts, horseback riding, Miracle League baseball, and hanging out with friends and family. They were excited about

their winter vacation, including trips to Tampa and Jacksonville, Fla., four days on the *Disney Dream*, and plans to be home by Christmas Eve.

Tim Pohanka, who lives two blocks from Mary Washington, where his son is enrolled, learned what it's like to come home to a house full of college students using his house as a frat and quickly put an end to it. He has been the operating officer for Pohanka Nissan Hyundai dealerships for three years. **Christine Harrison Grant** left her 18-year career as a professional fundraiser for local and national nonprofits to start her business, Nonprofit Support Solutions in Raleigh, N.C. She provides individual and group coaching, fundraising consulting, and training services to nonprofit staff and board members. Christine received her professional certification from Coach Training Alliance in 2009 and hopes to continue growing her practice. She recently

became engaged to Tom Casey, who she's dated for more than five years, but wedding plans had not yet been set. Christine looks forward to seeing classmates at our reunion. Sadly, she lost her

mother, Nancy, to ovarian cancer in 2010.

I want to close by thanking everyone who sent news about themselves and classmates. In this technological age, we're well connected in many ways, but I really enjoy keeping up with UMW in this magazine's format. With *University of Mary Washington Magazine* in my hands, I can look at current photos, see how much UMW has changed, and read about what we've seen and done since graduation. I'm easily transported back in time when I read your names; 20 years slip by fast, but memories rise just as quickly. I can't wait to relive the good old days at our reunion in June!

1993

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1994

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Hey friends! I'm sad to have missed our 15-year reunion this summer. Those who went said it was a blast! I started my 14th year teaching in September and am challenged with having a class of 12 second-graders and 12 third-graders. Keep me posted on what's going on with you. Facebook has made it easier to stay in touch. If you haven't joined our group, come find us!

Lisa Prillaman and partner Heather welcomed baby Ava to their family in June. In October, **Melissa Smith Allison** and husband Tim welcomed baby Violet, who had heart surgery when she was 6 days old and was recovering well. **Jamie Wasserman** added to his family

Josh Bacigalupi '98 welcomed son Miles Bryan, named after two soldiers who served with Josh in Afghanistan.

this year, is now the dad of three, and planned to move to a bigger house in Columbia, Md. Jamie published his first novel, and his second book was accepted for publication this year. **Kari Neckel Mitchum** started a new job with the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C. Both of Kari's sons are at the school where I teach, so we see each other often!

April Tofanelli, who lives in San Francisco with husband George, took a self-imposed three-month break between quitting her job in October and starting a new consulting gig with Mercer

in January. **Erin McGintee**, husband Dave, and children Nora, 7, Kieran, 5, and Patrick, 2, moved back to Erin's hometown of East Hampton, N.Y., in 2009, after nine years in Pennsylvania, where Erin worked at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is now an allergist for ENT & Allergy Associates. Erin looked forward to seeing **Kevin Cooke** of Northern Virginia when he returned to Long Island for a fall visit.

1997 *Reunion Weekend*

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Can you believe it's been 15 years since we filed down Campus Walk in our caps and gowns? Now we're – gasp – responsible adults who carry mortgages, worry about 401(k)s, and raise children.

In March, **Laura Coco Hampton** and husband Wade welcomed daughter Quinn, who's adored by big brother Beckett. Despite good intentions, Laura's attempt to be a mom of two and play on **Les Shaver's** softball team this fall didn't pan out, and she's afraid her long career of drinking and softball may be on hiatus. In May, **Bridget Stinger Murray** and husband Dan welcomed third child Charlotte, who joins big brothers Kyle and Alex. The Murrys planned to move to the Burlington, Vt., area this spring.

Capt. Kevin Adams and wife Katharine welcomed their first child, Levi Muir, in June. Kevin, a defense attorney, and Katharine, a hospital legal

advisor, are attorneys in the Army and stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. After almost five years there and a long deployment, they hoped to move to a new post this summer. **Julie Wiater Byrne** and husband Brian welcomed fourth child Kateri Rose over the summer. She was born at home, where 6-year-old sister Teagan cut the umbilical cord. Their boys, Athanasius and Christian, are 4 and 2. Julie coordinates a Manassas, Va., home-school group.

Heather Baum Reynolds and husband Curt welcomed son Tate MacKinnon in August. **Maria Cole**, **Jessica Ranero**, **Jonathan Cordone**, **Karen Aiello**, **Eric**

Gaffen, and **Jackie Concodora** gave Heather a gift certificate for a professional massage and baby items. **Crissandra Finno Domroes** and husband Stephen welcomed daughter Catharine Elizabeth in September in

Teresa Joerger Mannix '01 is taking a break from 10 years as class agent to enjoy her first child – a boy.

Stamford, Conn. Moving back east, starting a new job, buying a house, and having a baby have made life busy.

Jin Wong and wife Libby welcomed their first child, a son, Kai Ju-Lien, in October. **Mike Dugan** works for Sennheiser and lives in Connecticut with his wife and three children; they were expecting their fourth. **Amanda Neptune Bridges** was due in January to have her third child, a son, who will join Kate, 5, and Nick, 2½. After the baby arrived, they planned to move from South Jersey back to Tacoma, Wash., where husband Lt. Col. Brad Bridges was to take command of a C-17 squadron at the Air Force base. They lived the past five years in Korea, Alabama, and New Jersey.

Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin vacationed in New York with her family and visited **Stephanie O'Connor Shockley**. **Brahim Asfahani** and **Tory Rendon Asfahani '96** expected their third child, a boy, who will join big sisters Mirah and Lyla, this spring. **Jennifer Wilson Watson** talked with Brahim at the fall reunion committee meeting at UMW and looks forward to seeing everyone at the June class reunion. Husband **Chris Watson '96** was a part of a six-day mission building houses in Haiti with Habitat for Humanity and 500 volunteers, including Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, and former President Jimmy Carter.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at our class reunion the first weekend in June!

1998

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Seems we are in full-on baby mode, but we'd love to hear also about new jobs, new puppies, new houses, going back to school, dropping out of society, or a favorite baseball team that choked in September. Email your updates now, while you're thinking about it!

Larissa Lipani Peluso was training for a triathlon while learning a new position as a math specialist teacher. Her boys, Anthony and Deacon, keep her busy, but she finds time to swim with the local Masters team. Larissa recently saw **Laura Letchworth Nesbitt** and **Erin Rodman**, who ran her first half marathon. Larissa also saw **Andrea Haymes** when they both ran in a Warrior Dash Mud Run (where there was also a possible **Sara Goode** sighting).

James Creegan, who made partner at his Princeton, N.J., law firm in the fall, lives with wife Meg and sons Jack, Cole, and Hugh. **Caitlin Jenkins** was to move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles after finishing her fellowship at the Brooklyn Museum in December. **Jennifer Carter Tsimpris** and husband Basil of Richmond expected their first child, John, in November. **Robyn Oliver Hedges** welcomed baby girl Sierra Rachel in July. **Josh Bacigalupi** and wife Darci welcomed son Miles Bryan, named after two soldiers who served with Josh in Afghanistan.

Betsy Kiger West lives in Ashburn, Va., near **Amanda Newman Karhuse**. Betsy welcomed Ella Elizabeth in June, and Amanda welcomed Ronan David in August. **Sara Leedom** sent her update from Mali and planned to travel to Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, and Benin. Back in San Francisco, Sara saw **Nedra Stuckey**, who is working on her MBA in Arizona.

Darien Berkowitz Jacobson and husband Andy have entered Northern Virginia barbecue competitions; so far, their best finish is third place for briskets. **Adrien Snedeker Dickerson** and

husband Adam have brought son Simon to sample the Jacobsons' offerings. **Andy Brown** still travels the world as production manager for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and was recently in Russia for performances at the Mikhailovsky Theatre in St. Petersburg.

The Chapins spent time with **Ed Kriete**, **Mike Cirami**, and **Ashley Hicks Weisleder** in Dublin, Ireland, for **Sean Tuffy's** October wedding to Lorraine Dunbar. But mostly we check our inbox for updates from '98ers, so let us know what you're up to!

1999

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Ellen Perry Clark and husband Josh of Northern Virginia welcomed daughter Bonnie Jean in September. **Rachel Silbaugh Norman** and husband Sean of Woodstown, N.J., welcomed Evan Timothy in October.

2001

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Thanks to those who submitted updates. Remember to submit news via email or on the "MWC Class of 2001" Facebook page. We'd love to hear what you're up to!

Stephanie Scheibe Barb married Danny in June 2010 and bought a house in Orange, Va. She is a senior systems administrator at the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation. **James Lewis** works in Ballston, Va., married Kelli Stubbs in Middleburg, Va., in October, and planned to move to Leesburg. **Kate Weller**, executive director of Slate Valley Museum, lives in Ballston Spa, N.Y., with husband Matt and children Alex, 5, and Ella, 3. **Kelly Turcic Bailey**, director of alumni engagement at Slippery Rock University, teaches public policy as an adjunct at Thiel

College. She and her husband have children Lily, 4, and Aiden, 2.

Caroline Jarvis of London is a private banker and charity trustee. **Kate McGinn Pipke** and husband **Nathan Pipke '99** were expecting their first child. **Jennifer Stringfellow Bing** married Stephen in September in Occoquan, Va. They live in Dumfries, and Jennifer works at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** and her husband, Mark, had their first child Jan. 9. We're giving Teresa a break after 10 years as class agent so she can enjoy Bryce David. Congratulations, Teresa!

2002 *Reunion Weekend*

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Martha Heuser, who joined UMW's inaugural "Alumni College on the Road" trip to Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, and Peru, moved from the Philadelphia suburbs to the city. She is on the board of the Young Professionals Network of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, is pursuing a master's in nonprofit leadership at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice, and is a contributing writer for the online publication *Philadelphia Social Innovations Journal*.

Martha MacLay '49 said granddaughter **Katherine Sinclair MacLay** was to graduate from Colorado State University's department of atmospheric science in December.

2003

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Laura Kassner and husband Bernie welcomed their first child, Hudson Michael, in October. **Bronson Hall** married **Adrienne Trombley '04** in June in Southport, N.C. **Brad Johnson** and **Christine Brown Johnson '05** of Durham, N.C., welcomed their first child, Eleanor Kathleen, in August.



Juliette Gomez, an associate attorney with a Philadelphia immigration consortium, lives in South Philly with husband **Taylor Ball '06** and their dog, Elvis.

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Nell Barnes married Matt Nutaitis in Philadelphia last November. In attendance were **Kara Bower**, **Emil Christofakis**, **Jeff Cockayne**, **Alex DeFee**, **Matt Hoover**, **Mark Martens**, **Jon Martin**, **Marisa Day**, **Tim Ryan**, **Martha Mundy Ryan**, **Megs Senk**, **Maggie Wynn**, and **Julia Yolles**.

Jane Minerly married Matt Manchisi, a civil engineer, in July at New York Botanical Garden. **Samantha Smith Newbold** was a bridesmaid. In attendance were **Carolyn Schranck Theim**, **Sarah Notter**,

from the University of Alaska Anchorage in August and is a neonatal intensive care RN at Providence Hospital.

2007 *Reunion Weekend*

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Jay Sinha is in his final year at William and Mary Law School, planned to study for the Virginia bar exam in Williamsburg, and was offered a position in the Washington, D.C., office of the national law firm LeClairRyan. **Emma Interlandi**, operations manager with Democracy for America, earned a master's in German studies from University College London. **Marianne Shapiro** married Jason Weiner in November in Washington, D.C. **Ellie Tiemann**, **Yelena Lazdun**, and **Shannon Thurston** were bridesmaids.

Suzanne Volinski married Christopher Broadbent in September in Norwalk, Conn. Joining the celebration were **Sarah Floyd**, **Jane Geisler**, **Elizabeth Hertz**, **Deana Zornow**, **Tierney McAfee**, **Patricia Corbet**, **Michael Burns**, **Marissa Dimino**, **Anuj Phull**, **Choya Amenkhiennan**,

Meredith Donaldson '06, **Seth Anderson**, and **Evan Henry**. Suzanne and Chris live in Greenwich, Conn. Suzanne is a public relations and communications specialist for the environmental consulting firm

ARCADIS, and Chris is a professional firefighter.

Ashley Wood, a fifth-grade teacher in Wake County, N.C., and Travis Stafford, operations manager for a private company, plan a 2012 wedding in Raleigh. They live in Cary with their dog, Barksley. **Jennifer Parsick** was published in the 2012 *Collaborative Summer Library Program* manual, promoting child and teen literacy. **Steven Grillo** married **Lauren Bayer '06** in November in Sayreville, N.J., and planned a honeymoon cruise through Patagonia. The wedding party included **Kyle Coppinger '08**,

Andrew Fristoe '06, and **Daniel Smith**. Steven is director of urban planning with New York's Staten Island Economic Development Corp., and Lauren is an assistant deputy public defender in Somerset County, N.J.

Stephanie Barnes is studying to become an RN in Newport News, Va., and is acting president of Thomas Nelson Community College's Student Nursing Association. First-time parents **Susan Alexander Anderson** and **Timothy Anderson** (**Chris Anderson's** brother) welcomed identical twin girls Audrey Victoria and Blair Morgan in May.

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the November death of **Doug White**. His family asks that donations be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, a cause Doug was passionate about.

2008

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Brad Buck entered a microbiology Ph.D. program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After three years in China and Hong Kong, **Megan Vaughan-Albert** moved back to Washington, D.C., to study international economics and development at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. **Katy Hickman** of Boston earned a master's in communication sciences and disorders at Emerson College. She is a part-time behavioral therapist for children on the autism spectrum at Beacon ABA Services. Katy plans a July wedding in Cape Cod to Andrew Prosser of Bournemouth, England.

Andrew Lynch married **Natasha Norris Lynch** in October; they live in Reston, Va. **Della Hinn** moved to Fairfax and is pursuing a master's in speech language pathology at JMU. **Pete Sturke** earned a master's in environmental science from VCU and is a biologist for Dominion Environmental Biology. He married Kate Moore in Richmond in November.

Ben Uscinski is an operator with the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program in Alaska. He is producing the movie *Excision*, which stars AnnaLynne McCord, Malcolm McDowell, and Marlee Matlin, and is due out this year. **Marija Ozolins** enrolled at Boston College Law School. **Colleen McMichael Southerland** married Navy HM2 Spencer Corey Southerland in June in St. Augustine, Fla. Her sister, UMW alum **Charlotte McMichael**, was maid of honor. Colleen will continue as a field representative for Brooks running shoes in Florida until they learn where they'll be stationed next.

Heather Decot is pursuing a doctorate in the biological and biomedical sciences program at UNC Chapel Hill. **Sarah Marshall Price**, an Arlington County middle school math teacher, married Joseph Price. They welcomed daughter Amelia in December 2010. **Lindsay Scott Skipper** and her husband, associate directors at Virginia Tech's Baptist Collegiate Ministries, celebrated their first anniversary in September. **Jamie Moynihan** married **Jordan Berg**, a second-grade teacher, in July in Baltimore, with 10 UMW grads in the wedding party! They live in Alexandria, Va. Jamie works at George Mason University and plays in the band Oh So Peligroso with other UMW grads. **Amanda Hill Corcoran** earned a master's in communication disorders from U.Va., is a speech-language pathologist in Richmond, and got married in October.

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

Material received by	Appears in
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER
NOVEMBER 15	SPRING
MARCH 15	SUMMER

Ben Uscinski '08 is producing the movie *Excision*, due out this year. It stars AnnaLynne McCord, Malcolm McDowell, and Marlee Matlin.

Joanna Cahall, **Nicole Larson**, and **Kelly Allen**. Matt and Jane bought their first house in Philadelphia. Jane received a JD from Temple University's Beasley School of Law and is a law clerk to a judge on the U.S. District Court for Pennsylvania's eastern district.

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Karin Rasmus earned a bachelor's in nursing science

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Talya Halpern married **Jimmy Conroy** in Manassas, Va., and honeymooned at Disney. They live in Fredericksburg and are assistant managers at Cardinal Bank. **Sarah Elizabeth Restaino** earned a master's in economics from the University of South Carolina and plans to marry Jon McLaughlin in October.

2010

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Michelle Bond, who was to begin work as a kindergarten teacher at McKinley Elementary in Arlington, Va., plans a summer wedding to **Mike Kappert '11**. **Caitlin Donnelly** is a communications assistant for Reserve Officers Association.

2011

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IN MEMORIAM

Marie Revelle Scott '34
Mildred Jones Walker '35
Ruby Lee Norris '36
Lillian Nordstrom Love '36
Jacqueline Clark Robertson '37
Mary Mitchell Bailey '38
Mildred Elizabeth Bodwell Bourne '39
Ruby Mallory Gibson '39
Mary Estes Irby '40
Louise Luter Parker '40
Eva Catafygiotu Topping '41
Mary Dryden Ellis '42
Mary Pride Hunninghake '42

Frances Rebecca Sutherland Kirk '42
Virginia Ferguson Liles '42
Mamie Elizabeth Stahle Via Allen '43
Irene Noble Frey '43
Stacia Douros Mandalieris '43
Olive E. Johns Purvis '43
Inez Lee Tuggle '43
Rose Ellen Ramsburg Butler '44
Mary Belle Wray Hughes '44
Sallie Hart Harris Inge '44
Grace Holton Atkins '45
Martha Holloway '45
Marilyn Miles '45
Lucille Young Rasnick '45
Patricia Turley Whited '45
Elizabeth Harrison Leitch '46
Rose Berger Bennett Love '46
Louise Boyer Brown McKenna '46
Nellie Blanche Clarke '47
Joyce Frances Johnson Hunt '47
Genevieve Harrison Speicher '47
Inez Bevell Swann '47
Kathleen Dobson Watson '47
Rebecca Fristoe Goode '48
Winifred Couch Goff James '48
Jane Jordan Kimball '48
Mary Frances Finnegan Brown '49
Dorothy Towles "Towlesey" Rowe Castles '49
Barbara Cable Field '50
Gracia May Plyley Kather '50
Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader '50
Louise Ashby Hilker '51
Mary Condon Thurston '51
Norma Audrey Henley '52
Sarah Jane "Pat" Huston Lilja Hoffman '52
Donna Gray Anderson '53
Jimmie Rivers Finklea '53
Nancy Mitchell Knowles '55

Joan F. Dixon '58
Norma Tizen McCann '58
Tempe A. Thomason '58
Marianne Carrano Raphaely '59
Wilhelmina "Willie" Harvey Burton Calhoun '60
Kittie Gault Gravins '60
Julia "Judy" McIntyre Zuczek '60
Patricia "Patsy" Whitehead Towle '61
Susan Elizabeth Anderson Krauser '63
Mary Helen Hayes Attride '67
Grace Jean Ross '67
Stephen Curtis Jones '74
Cynthia Deanne Heflin Solis '78
Kristine Martin Vogel Rice '79
Diane Connelly Hunt '83
Patricia Myers Sullivan '83
Matthew P. Geary '92
Robert B. Coffman '97
Douglas Frazier White '07
John Douglas MacIsaac, former faculty
Robert William Scull, former faculty

CONDOLENCES

Lucy Harris Stone '39, who lost her sister
Phylida "Penny" Bien Walker '42, who lost her husband
Ruth Parks Crockett '45, who lost her husband
Elinor Dobson Brown '46, who lost her sister
Jane McCullough Parris Smallwood '48, who lost her husband
Helen Chiles Mason '50, who lost her husband
Corley Gibson Friesen '52, who lost her sister
Sara Rowlett Gregory '52, who lost her husband
Nancy Straughan Russler '52, who lost her husband
Joan "Honey" Kerrins Friel '53, who lost her husband
Sally Wysong Puckett '55, who lost her husband
Audrey Neff Knapp '57, who lost her husband
Yvonne Lewis Alexander '58, who lost her husband
Julia Helen Harris Porter '58, who lost her husband
Molly Bradshaw Clark '59, who lost her husband
Hilda Corker Kelly '61, who lost her husband
Rebecca Turner Perdue '61, who lost her husband
Eugenia "Gene" Kathleen England Simons '61, who lost her husband
Judith Saunders Slifer '61, who lost her husband
Elizabeth "Betty" Jennings Peterson '64, who lost her husband
Betty Dobbins Talley '68, who lost her husband
Mary Anne Auray Guido '74, who lost her father
Cynthia L. Snyder '75, who lost her mother
Susan Heflin Bailey '76, who lost her mother and her sister
Susan Akley Schneider '76, who lost her mother
Barbara Auray Hampden '77, who lost her father
Kathleen Hilker Crockett '78, who lost her mother
Patricia Auray Walker '79, who lost her father
Lori B. Klugman '91, who lost her father
Tabitha Edinger Geary '92, who lost her husband
Christine Harrison Grant '92, who lost her mother



CLOSING COLUMN

The Chronicle of Higher Education, the news source of the U.S. academic world, featured Jim Groom, UMW director of teaching and learning technologies, Feb. 26 in *12 Tech Innovators Who Are Transforming Campuses*. Here is the article in its entirety:

Self-Described “EduPunk” Says Colleges Should Abandon Course-Management Systems

By Nick DeSantis

THE INNOVATOR: *Jim Groom, University of Mary Washington*

THE BIG IDEA: *Colleges should use free Web tools for course discussions and projects to better prepare students for jobs after college.*

Jim Groom doesn't hate learning-management software. But he's certain it doesn't make teaching any better.

For Groom, an instructional-technology specialist, the features that attract professors in the first place – like grade books and quizzing tools – are traps that squash creativity and bury thorny issues like fair use.

When professors try a learning-management system that promises to improve teaching, it “really encloses space, and it encloses the possibility of the Web,” he said. Groom charges so-called open-learning management tools with co-opting the spirit of EduPunk, a term he coined to express the do-it-yourself ethos he champions. These days he avoids the word because he fears people were preoccupied with the label rather than its goals. He uses a new creative outlet instead.

It's ds106, a digital-storytelling course he teaches with a group of colleagues. His team shunned the learning-management market and built its own virtual classroom by cobbling together free open-source tools. The class blossomed into a “family” of students from five universities.

Hundreds more play along online. Groom said a vendor's learning-software tool could never sustain the community, because most limit access to those with an account at that university.

It's not always clear who's driving the bus, though. Students thought some early assignments were boring, so he now requires that they create a few of their own to keep everyone engaged. Mr. Groom – known online as “Reverend Jim” after the lovable lunatic character in the TV show *Taxi* – once shaved his head and ceded teaching duties to Dr. Oblivion, his fictional alter ego who spoke only through online video. Andy Rush, [UMW new media specialist and] one of Groom's colleagues, said traditional software would render these experiments pointless because they're not built to handle an anything-goes approach. “There's no shaving your head in an LMS,” he said.

Tim Owens, [UMW instructional technology specialist and] another member of the ds106 team, likens its method to building a soapbox car from scratch. “You can either buy a kit, or you can go pick up a piece of wood and use the tools,” he said. “And I feel like instead of handing people kits, we need to be handing them a hammer, and a saw, and nails, and saying, ‘Make whatever you want.’ ” 🏠

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Jim Groom (center) broadcasts ds106 radio with UMW teaching and learning technologies colleagues Martha Fay Burtis '96 and Tim Owens.

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Official Delight

The raptor and the ref went beak to nose during the men's basketball Capital Athletic Conference tournament semifinal Feb. 23 in the Anderson Center. The UMW men claimed a 56-54 victory over Hood College. They finished a successful year 18-9 overall and advanced to the CAC Championship for the fifth time in school history.